

August 25, 2008

Governor David A. Patterson  
New York State Capitol  
Albany New York 12224

Dear Governor Patterson,

I am writing to you in support of a Bill (A10750 & S7899) to amend the NYS Penal code 405 to allow the private displays of fireworks, by licensed professionals and professional fireworks display companies.

Currently New York State misinterprets its penal law as outlawing private displays of fireworks at private events such as Weddings, Conventions, Company picnics etc. This misinterpretation is due to the ambiguous wording of section 405.00 of the NYS Penal Law, and is a prohibition unique among the 50 states of the U.S. of A.

The A10750/S7899 amendment to Penal Code 405 will not diminish existing state law or diminish public safety with regard to the exhibition of fireworks displays throughout New York State.

This prohibition has had and continues to have an economic impact on small business throughout the State such as catering halls, country clubs and event planners to name just a few. This prohibition also has had an effect on local government (in the form of lost revenue) and continues to have a severe financial impact on the fireworks industry throughout the State of New York

This minor amendment to Penal Code sec. 405 would remove this prohibition and allow all citizens of the State to enjoy professional fireworks displays under the supervision of a licensed professionals and professional pyrotechnic companies and will be regulated and permitted by local government.

Sincerely,

**(name)**

**(business affiliation, licensee status or other professional qualification)**