

# Small, but painful mistake

In many states (like [Maryland](#) and [New York](#)), this week marked the beginning of the legislative session. Agudath Israel's team of state and regional directors have assembled an aggressive legislative agenda on behalf of our community and we hope to report about their progress in the weeks ahead.

This week I learned that a tiny mistake can have painful repercussions. I'll spare you the details, but let's just say that a fraction of a millimeter's mistake by a phlebotomist left my arm in pain for the entire week.

In the legislative arena, a small mistake or even changing one letter can make all the difference. Our government affairs team will be spending the next few months working with policy makers to make sure that the right words are inserted in the right places to ensure that the rights of our community are protected and to maximize ways to help our families.

Please feel free to reach out to me or to one of our state directors to find out what issues are being discussed in your statehouse and what you can do to help.

Lastly, if you haven't done so already please contact Congress by clicking on this [link](#) and ask them to help secure our schools and nonprofits. If you live in one of the areas listed below, the grant funding could double and if you live outside one of these areas this means that your community may be eligible for security grants for the first time.

**Appendix A – FY 2017 NSGP UASI-Designated Urban Areas**

State/Territory	Urban Area
Arizona	Phoenix Area
California	Anaheim/Santa Ana Area
	Bay Area
	Los Angeles/Long Beach Area
	Riverside Area
	Sacramento Area
	San Diego Area
Colorado	Denver Area
District of Columbia	National Capital Region
Florida	Miami/Fort Lauderdale Area
	Tampa Area
Georgia	Atlanta Area
Illinois	Chicago Area
Indiana	Indianapolis Area
Maryland	Baltimore Area
Massachusetts	Boston Area
Michigan	Detroit Area
Minnesota	Twin Cities Area
Missouri	St. Louis Area
Nevada	Las Vegas Area
New Jersey	Jersey City/Newark Area
New York	New York City Area
North Carolina	Charlotte Area
Ohio	Cleveland Area
Oregon	Portland Area
Pennsylvania	Philadelphia Area
	Pittsburgh Area
Texas	Dallas/Fort Worth/Arlington Area
	Houston Area
	San Antonio Area
Utah	Salt Lake City Area
Virginia	Hampton Roads Area
Washington	Seattle Area