

# Transportation & Infrastructure

The safe and efficient movement of goods, services and people is at the core of our economy. Government at all levels must be willing to prioritize critical long-term investments, as well as support private projects producing real economic benefit.

## Transportation Funding



- ▶ Push for an adequate and dedicated source of funding to support transportation infrastructure projects aimed at fixing and maintaining our nation's crumbling highways, roads, bridges and transit systems

## Natural Gas Transmission System



- ▶ Develop New York's natural gas transmission system to effectively move gas from Pennsylvania through New York and to other markets to improve reliability, keep consumer prices low and spur investment and job creation

## Upgrade Power Grid

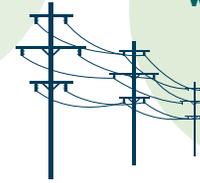


- ▶ Support upgrades to New York's aging power grid to improve reliability and ensure Buffalo Niagara's economy benefits from moving locally produced electricity downstate

Over  
**80%**

of NYS' high-voltage transmission lines went into service

before  
**1980**



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## Telecommunications Network



- ▶ Support policies that encourage investment in network infrastructure to maintain and build upon the level of connectivity necessary to conduct business in today's economy

# Cross Border Economy

Buffalo Niagara is at the heart of a dynamic bi-national region. Our economy and many of its opportunities for growth are directly tied to Southern Ontario. Government policies should bind the United States and New York State closer to Canada, not create false barriers to trade, job creation and economic opportunity.

## NAFTA



- ▶ Strengthen our bi-national economy through the renegotiation of the North American Free Trade Agreement
  - Maximize border efficiency
  - Maintain visas necessary for cross-border business
  - Advance regulatory harmonization

## Border Efficiency



- ▶ Implement border efficiency measures to better move goods and people across Buffalo Niagara's international border crossings, including:
  - Mandatory filing of e-manifests for empty trucks
  - Electronic or pre-payment of all fees
  - Sufficient staffing of customs agents in both Canada and the United States during the Peace Bridge Rehabilitation Project

Canada is NYS' #1 trading partner



517,028 NYS jobs are supported by trade with Canada

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