



KATHY HOCHUL



Democratic, Working Families

Governor of New York.

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- **Affordability:** Governor Hochul understands how deeply the affordability crisis has affected New Yorkers. She's focused on easing the burdens of families by making record investments in child care and housing, suspending the gas tax, and accelerating tax cuts.
- **Public Safety and Gun Violence Prevention:** The governor has emphasized the importance of public safety in New York. Her FY 2023 budget included changes to public safety and gun laws to make our state safer, as well as historic investments in gun violence prevention efforts.
- **Reproductive Rights & Services:** For the governor, the fight to protect a woman's fundamental right to choose is a personal one, and with Roe v. Wade overturned, she'll do everything in her power to make New York a safe harbor for those seeking abortion care.

NO RESPONSE

LEE ZELDIN



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As Governor, just a few of my top priorities would include repealing cashless bail and Less is More, giving judges more discretion in their cases, removing rogue district attorneys who refuse to enforce the law, like Alvin Bragg, cutting taxes across the board, slashing job-killing regulations, creating good-paying jobs, slashing wasteful spending, increasing manufacturing capacity, encouraging more parental involvement in education, ending all indoctrination and brainwashing in the classroom, lifting the cap on charter schools, protecting and expanding advanced and specialized education, expanding and improving technical job training, improving school safety, promoting more civics in the classroom, and much more.

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ISSUES

BACKGROUND

CAMPAIGN WEBSITE

TOP PRIORITIES

Good Cause Eviction

Banning Natural Gas hookups

Single Payer Healthcare

Extended Producer Responsibility

Enacting a Climate Change Superfund

Protecting Employers from Unemployment Insurance Rate Increases

Extending Aid to Offset the Benefits Cliff

Expanding 0% corporate franchise tax to smaller manufacturers



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Governor Hochul’s vision for building an integrated, decarbonized energy system includes proposing a set of policies to grow clean energy storage, phasing out polluting power plants, animating the market for green hydrogen, and ensuring quality green job creation. To meet the Climate Act’s goal of generating 70 percent of New York’s electricity from renewable sources by 2030, Governor Hochul has launched a historic \$500 million direct investment in offshore wind port manufacturing and supply chain infrastructure that will create more than 2,000 good-paying green jobs and deliver more than \$2 billion in economic activity. This effort, and many more like it, demonstrate Governor Hochul’s commitment to making electricity both greener and more reliable in the state of New York.

As a native of Western New York, Governor Hochul believes in the excellence of the region and its over 2 million residents. She is the first governor from Western New York in over 100 years and she’s committed to expanding economic opportunity in the region. While there are obstacles such as declines in manufacturing, the governor believes that innovation and investment will help recoup losses in those areas and also expand other industries as well. She recently announced the groundbreaking of what will be Great Lakes Cheese’s brand new, state-of-the-art manufacturing and packaging plant in Franklinville and Farmersville. This project, and many more like it, illustrate the governor’s commitment to partnering with businesses to expand opportunity in Western New York.

Governor Hochul has signed legislation to help bridge the digital divide by making it easier and less costly to bring broadband services to rural and underserved areas, and she has continued taking action to help underserved communities. In April, she announced a \$1 billion investment in new digital infrastructure to bring affordable broadband to millions of New Yorkers in rural and urban areas across New York. Additionally, the governor lowered the cost of broadband deployment by repealing a fee on laying high-speed fiber cables along state highways. These efforts demonstrate the governor’s commitment to bringing reliable high-speed internet to the entire state of New York.

Governor Hochul believes that major investment is needed to train and prepare the next generation of workers for a rapidly changing economy. This April, she announced the creation of a new state office charged with improving workforce development programs to better align with the needs of today’s employers. This complements a \$350 million investment in workforce development in the FY2023 state budget. Additionally, the governor recently announced the opening of an \$11.4 million workforce development center at Monroe Community College, which will jumpstart workforce development throughout the Finger Lakes region. While there is more to do, these efforts demonstrate the governor’s commitment to developing the workforce of tomorrow here in New York.

Governor Hochul has shown a commitment to not only listening to businesses across the state, but also crafting programs and partnerships that address their needs. In April, when Governor Hochul announced the creation of the Strategic Workforce Development, her administration issued a survey to employers to hear what initiatives they wanted this new office to pursue. This attentiveness to the needs of employers sets Governor Hochul apart and demonstrates that she is, and always will be, a leader that brings the needs and concerns of businesses to the table in Albany.

ISSUES

On energy and climate policy

On the largest impediment to growth in our region

On bridging the digital divide

On developing the next generation of workers

On why employers should support him/her

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Republican, Conservative

I support an all-of-the-above energy strategy where clean, green, and renewable forms of energy take a significant role. I believe residents deserve to have weighted input in decisions when it comes to implementing energy plans in their communities. Many businesses are already investing in newer, greener technology that will reduce carbon emissions without the state’s assistance. Additionally, the Climate Act’s goals are not achievable without tremendous pain for people who can least afford it. The Climate Act is costly and, without the infrastructure and technology in place around the state already, I’m afraid everyday New Yorkers are going to bear the brunt of the ramifications. Instead of mandating New Yorkers use certain types of energy, they should give New Yorkers the choice.

Taxes in this state are way too high - both personal and business taxes. During the height of the pandemic, Andrew Cuomo raised taxes despite desperate pleas not to do so. In our current unpredictable economy, families are struggling to make ends meet with inflation at a 40-year high and despite that, Kathy Hochul decided to keep all of the Cuomo tax hikes in place this year. I also believe business regulations are out of control and state agencies are out of touch with New York businesses, often making it harder and harder for them to do business here. Businesses are trying to stay afloat, but the state continues to saddle them with more costly regulations and mandates. On top of all that, our businesses are facing a significant worker shortage as well.

Access to affordable internet has been a significant challenge for quite some time. Our leaders in Albany have attempted to solve this issue for what seems like forever, however poor planning and execution has prevented the state from meeting its goals. Recently, a Comptroller report outlined the failures of these plans. For example, a program to expand broadband access was established in 2015, however, currently, nine projects under the program still await completion, including four affecting 12,400 households. As Governor, I would do all I could to expedite these projects to provide immediate relief to households lacking access to internet. Additionally, in the meantime, I support modifying some school buses to be a hotspot in areas where internet access is inadequate.

I support establishing specialized programs in upstate and other relevant areas that would involve higher education and high schools partnering with private and public businesses to connect employers with trained, skilled workers in fields that are needed. Businesses could provide resources, personnel and equipment for these programs and these workers would have a direct connection to potential employment opportunities, limiting the need for a costly job search altogether. I support regulatory reform for all manufacturers. These regulations coupled with higher taxes and a less than ideal business climate are forcing manufacturers out of the state, and leaving New Yorkers without employment. I intend to make New York one of the best climates in the nation for businesses.

We have to save our state. New York is heading in the wrong direction. It is unfortunate to see businesses leaving New York for other states with lower taxes, less regulations, and better business climates. It doesn’t have to be that way. I want to make New York a destination for those businesses so much so that they want to make New York State their home. Instead of raising taxes on businesses and imposing unfunded mandates, I want to lower taxes and eliminate unfunded mandates. My entire campaign has been about making New York State work for the people, not the other way around. My vision for New York includes a robust and thriving business climate, one that supports employers more, not less.