

# **DAN BROWN**



## **GEORGE BORRELLO**

THE 57<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT INCLUDES: Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, Allegany, Wyoming, and Genesee Counties

**Democratic** 

Farmer and Great Valley Supervisor.

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Education, infrastructure, increase support for volunteer organizations (fire, EMT, etc.), increasing tourism to rural areas – through development of specialized workforces and small businesses.

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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

Repealing the Brownfield Cleanup Program's \$50,000 Application Fee

Extending Aid to Offset the Benefits Cliff

Expanding 0% corporate franchise tax to smaller manufacturers

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State Senator and Small Business Owner.

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At the top of the list is strengthening public safety by repealing the disastrous bail and parole 'reforms' that have ushered in a crime wave worse than anything we have seen in decades. If New Yorkers aren't safe, then nothing else matters. Other key priorities include providing financial relief to New Yorkers, who are being crushed by soaring inflation and energy costs, through targeted tax relief measures; and improving the state's business climate through the enactment of tax cuts for small businesses and reducing state regulations. Helping our state's farmers and agricultural producers will also be a key priority as this industry continues to be hurt by the onerous mandates of 2019's Farm Laborers Fair Labor Practices Act (FLFLPA).

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## STATE SENATE, 57TH DISTRICT

### VOTER GUIDE



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DAN BROWN Democratic	ISSUES	GEORGE BORRELLO Republican, Conservative
As a third-generation farmer, energy and food should never compete for ground. Implementation of solar to help offset fossil fuels on spaces that cannot be used to produce food, using public lands to offset tax burdens for communities, for example.	On energy and climate policy	A commitment to reducing emissions starts by recognizing the false promises of wind and solar, and the agendas of those pushing them. We should look at practical solutions that are right in front of us. The disastrous proposals of the Climate Action Council that call for banning natural gas in our homes and commercial buildings, banning gasoline powered vehicles and equipment would devastate our economy and place crushing cost burdens on New Yorkers and businesses. I believe there are good, viable alternatives for reducing emissions that wouldn't devastate our economy, including: focusing on small-scale renewable projects that directly power homes, farms and businesses; using natural gas as a bridge fuel; approving new pipelines and expanding hydroelectric power.
Lack of a trained workforce, job opportunities, and failing infrastructure.	On the largest impediment to growth in our region	I believe the reason NYS leads the nation in population loss and is considered one of the worst places to do business is because too many politicians in Albany don't understand or don't care about the impact of their actions. They have no idea what it's like to run a business and make a payroll. That is why they have enacted oppressive taxes and burdensome regulations which stifle economic growth in our region and across the state. I believe that strengthening our state's manufacturing sector could be accomplished through stronger investments in workforce development programs, to build the skilled labor force our manufacturers need. I also support the enactment of business tax cuts including an extension of the zero-percent corporate franchise tax to small and medium-size manufacturers.
Building of infrastructure throughout the state needs to continue; fiber and cellular. Providing education and resources related to the use and maintenance of such systems.	On bridging the digital divide	I have championed expanding access to broadband since being elected. Insufficient internet access is an ongoing problem in our region. My strongest fight has been against the fiber-optic tax, which was quietly tucked into the 2019-20 budget. This tax charging annual fees on fiber optic cable in state road rights of way made expansion in rural areas financially unfeasible. I proposed legislation to repeal the fee which was the model for a measure that passed in this year's budget. This victory was followed by another, which ended DOT's policy of requiring fiber optic companies to resurvey already established state-owned rights of way. The removal of these huge obstacles has already put some long-stalled projects back on the table and has put plans in motion for new buildouts.
Create incentives for apprenticeships and specialized trade schools, invest in our Boces centers throughout the state to offer the courses related to current and future job force needs and develop working entry points within industry. Revaluate and simplify the graduation requirements to meet the needs of the changing society.	On developing the next generation of workers	In the wake of the pandemic and the ensuing labor shortage, developing the next generation of workers needs to be a key priority. As county executive, I visited 100 businesses in my first 100 days to find out what employers needed. Almost unanimously, they said "skilled workers!" They had many unfilled jobs. That is why we need to address the 'middle skills gap.' These jobs, which require specialized, technical training, are in great demand and offer high wages and good benefits. Expanding educational and apprenticeship programs that train young people for these careers should be a priority. We also need to boost the availability of childcare. NYS should provide employer incentives for providing childcare. Expanding the Empire State Child Care Tax Credit would also have a positive impact.
My position as town supervisor and a small business owner, affords me an understanding of the difficulties and frustrations we are all dealing with while trying to obtain necessary infrastructure to meet the fundamental needs of doing business.	On why employers should support him	Employers should support me because I am a small business owner who understands their concerns. Albany is dominated by professional politicians who have no idea of what it's like to run a business and make payroll. Since being elected, I have worked to present the 'employer perspective' on dozens of proposals. This education and advocacy have had a positive, cumulative impact and created productive dialogues on many issues. I am a fierce advocate for reducing the tax burden of both our residents and our businesses. The waste, fraud and abuse in the area of state spending is rampant. Requiring taxpayers and employers to foot the bill for government's overspending is unfair and counterproductive to our prosperity and our future.

