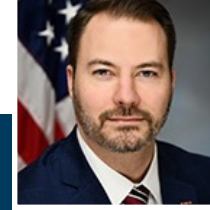




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ISSUES

BACKGROUND	
CAMPAIGN WEBSITE	
TOP PRIORITIES	
Good Cause Eviction	OPPOSE
Banning Natural Gas hookups	OPPOSE
Single Payer Healthcare	OPPOSE
Extended Producer Responsibility	OPPOSE
Enacting a Climate Change Superfund	OPPOSE
Protecting Employers from Unemployment Insurance Rate Increases	SUPPORT
Repealing the Brownfield Cleanup Program's \$50,000 Application Fee	SUPPORT
Extending Aid to Offset the Benefits Cliff	SUPPORT
Expanding 0% corporate franchise tax to smaller manufacturers	SUPPORT



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On energy and climate policy

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With inflation at an all time high, it's critically important that we work to cut energy costs in the state. I support requiring independent cost studies transparency of all proposals from the Climate Action Council, especially on proposals that mandate energy producers to raise utility rates. We need to recognize and support the diverse energy sources such as natural gas and biofuels. This state needs to focus on easing the deployment of new energy infrastructure including natural gas to help reduce utility costs for households and businesses.

On the largest impediment to growth in our region

New York State's business climate is generally ranked as the worst in the nation. Regulations, mandates and high taxes hinder economic growth and opportunity. Reducing taxes on small businesses and capping unemployment taxes will protect businesses still struggling with pandemic recovery. We must strengthen New York's manufacturing sector by extending the zero-percent corporate franchise tax to small and medium sized manufacturers who are currently paying among the highest taxes in the nation. These policies would also improve the business climate and expand economic opportunity in Western New York.

On bridging the digital divide

The lack of access to broadband is a major issue for our communities. Since 2019-2020 enacted budget, my conference has strongly advocated for the repeal of the fiber-optic installation fee which impeded new broadband expansion. The broadband tax being lifted in this year's budget was a step in the right direction. The state needs to continue to reduce costs for broadband companies to lay the cable and infrastructure for affordable high-speed internet.

On developing the next generation of workers

A way to develop the next generation of workers is for the state to address the "middle skills gap". Middle skills jobs represent a large share of the state labor market. New York Community colleges partnering with local businesses will give individuals the skills needed to be hired into good paying jobs. Reducing the cost of childcare and addressing the lack of supply of childcare providers would also allow more individuals to enter the workforce. This could be done by expanding the Empire State Child Care Tax Credit and the dependent care credit, along with increasing support for employer provided early childcare education and care.

On why employers should support him