



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Griffo statement on governor's State of the State Address

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“During her State of the State Address today, the governor outlined a variety of broad initiatives to address issues affecting New Yorkers. I am willing to consider what the governor has proposed and will thoroughly examine and review each proposal.

While I am pleased that the governor would like to combat retail theft, domestic violence and hate crimes, enhance mental health, invest in infrastructure, help farmers and improve literacy, I am concerned with how much accomplishing the objectives the governor has laid out will cost.

Over the last several years, state spending has reached unsustainable levels and spiraled out of control under the leadership of this administration and the legislative majorities who control state government. This year will be especially difficult as we face a significant \$4.3 billion budget deficit.

As this year's legislative session gets underway and the budget process begins, I will continue to advance and support ideas, initiatives and approaches that I believe will help to move New York forward.

It is imperative that we find ways to reduce taxes, lower crippling energy costs, ease burdensome mandates and stifling regulations, create and support economic opportunities

and job growth, enhance public safety and invest in our infrastructure, schools and communities.

This is how we can ensure that New York has a brighter, stronger and more prosperous future and stop the alarming mass exodus of residents, families and businesses from our state.”

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