



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Patricia Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick

## Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick & Senate Republicans Unveil “A New Hope For The Empire State” 2024 Legislative Agenda

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**Albany, NY** - The New York State Senate Republican Conference today unveiled “A New Hope For The Empire State,” their legislative agenda for 2024. The agenda prioritizes the issues that affect everyday New Yorkers, prioritizing increasing affordability, improving public safety, and building a greater New York.

**Senator Patricia Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, SD 9, said,** “New Yorkers are all longing for accountability from our state government and searching for signs of hope that things will get better. Antisemitism, in particular, is running rampant not only on our streets, but also on our college campuses. Now more than ever, we owe it to our Jewish communities to ensure their safety. The lack of affordability and public safety continue to be problems impacting taxpayers, and it is because of these significant quality-of-life issues that New Yorkers feel forced to flee to other states. Our conference stands ready to advance an agenda that will bring our state back from the disaster that extreme policymaking has wrought upon us.”

**Senator Republican Leader Rob Ortt said,** “New Yorkers are deeply dissatisfied with the direction of our state and our Conference is here to provide an alternative path forward. I have traveled throughout the state and people are tired, frustrated, and angry. They feel forgotten. Over the course of the year, we have seen crimes and costs rise. Antisemitism is infiltrating our schools and communities and has become the norm. The migrant crisis has only gotten worse because New York City politicians continue to push their feel-good policies, but it is these radical policies that are driving New Yorkers out. As the Leader of this conference, I will not take a back seat to the progressive agenda destroying our state. Our Republican Conference will fight to give hope to those New Yorkers who feel they have no alternative but to leave our state. Our commonsense agenda provides solutions to build a greater New York for future generations.”

**“A New Hope for the Empire State” is a comprehensive legislative agenda for 2024 (see the full report attached) and will focus on priorities including:**

- Increasing Affordability
  - Reigning in out of control spending: enact a spending cap, rejecting tax increases and unfunded mandates, and providing tax relief for all New Yorkers
  - Taking action to help all New Yorkers struggling to make ends meet by rejecting extreme climate proposals, incentivizing new housing construction to deal with the housing shortage, and making child care more accessible and affordable; and
  - Improving the state's business climate by protecting small businesses and farms by reducing regulations and unfair costs.
  
- Improving Public Safety
  - Protecting New Yorkers from antisemitism and other hateful violence by making any antisemitic behavior a hate crime, making all hate crimes bail eligible, protecting hate crime victims and houses of worship, and implementing financial penalties on both college universities and students who condone or engage in antisemitic behavior while receiving state aid;
  - Rejecting efforts to continue New York a sanctuary state status;
  - Reversing failed criminal justice policies that have made our communities less safe, including bail reform, discovery reform, and others;
  - Rejecting policies that put criminals above victims and law-abiding New Yorkers; and
  - Providing more services and funding to address mental health crisis and substance abuse disorders.

- Building a Greater New York
  - Closing the pandemic learning gap, expanding school choice, and further investing in vocational education and workforce development;
  - Providing support to our veterans to reacclimate and find educational and career opportunities; and
  - Investing in and strengthening our infrastructure to encourage growth.

More details of the New York State Senate Republicans' "A New Hope for the Empire State" 2024 legislative agenda will be unveiled in the coming weeks.

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