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State Senator Shelley B. Mayer's Response to Governor Hochul's State of the State Address

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“Governor Kathy Hochul’s State of the State speech was an excellent starting point from which to address the issues we all face as New Yorkers. I greatly appreciate her focus on affordability and public safety and her commitment to ensuring young people have the support they need to learn and flourish, particularly free school meals. I was very pleased to see [my bill](#) to protect our reproductive health care providers who provide care to non-NYS

residents was included in her State of the State book, as well as the innovative ideas for free community college tuition to support post-graduate job readiness. The Governor's continued attention to our EMS providers is also a solid step toward acknowledging that they are 'essential providers.'

"I look forward to reviewing the details of the plans she outlined today — and those relating to school funding, which will be included in her Executive Budget proposal next week. I will continue to work closely and constructively with all of my colleagues to find solutions to the challenges my constituents face; and, as Chair of the Senate Committee on Education, to ensure that students throughout New York State receive a high-quality education, regardless of zip code or need."

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