

Fighting for the Hudson Valley: Senator Rob Rolison Announces 2025 Legislative Agenda, in Coordination with Senate Republicans

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A plan to bring back affordability, create a safer and healthier New York, put an end to the migrant crisis, protect students and parental rights and call for government accountability

Today, New York State Senate Republicans, including Senator Rob Rolison (District 39)

announced their 2025 agenda, a comprehensive set of policy goals to combat one-party rule in New York State. These goals prioritize hardworking New Yorkers – especially those in the Hudson Valley – and directly improve quality of life and opportunity.

"I am pleased to join my colleagues in the Senate as we pick up what the majority leaves behind – putting New Yorkers first, strengthening our communities, protecting our residents, and making New York a place where everyone can thrive. These policies are designed to deliver real solutions to the Hudson Valley and throughout New York while tackling affordability head-on and easing financial burdens on our families, small businesses, and seniors. We are committing to restoring common-sense measures to protect our communities and ensure New Yorkers feel safe in their home and neighborhoods, or on public transportation. We are unwavering in our commitment to fighting for a better future for New Yorkers and the Hudson Valley."

This year, Senator Rolison is looking forward to sponsoring and co-sponsoring many essential bills. Read a little bit about each below:

To make childcare, elder care and healthcare more affordable:

- *S.8984:* Offer tax credits to child care programs for capital costs aimed at enhancing or expanding child care accessibility, increasing services for families struggling to find care.
- S.9403: Raise the total allocation for the Child Care Creation and Expansion Tax Credit from \$25 million to \$50 million for Fiscal Years 2025 and 2026.
- S.9404: Establish an additional tax credit for working families who are eligible for the Household and Dependent Care Tax credit in order to help alleviate the burden of childcare and dependent care expenses

To cut taxes for residents and small businesses:

• S.5407: Mandate that state economic development agencies prioritize small businesses and entrepreneurs when awarding state economic development assistance

To bring jobs back to New York:

• S.1200: Require colleges to grant degree credit for military training or courses that meet the standard of the American Council on Education.

To create lasting affordable clean energy for New York:

• S.9893: Create the "Ratepayer Relief Act" to determine the true cost of CLCPA mandates and provide relief in that amount to ratepayers, as well as cut existing taxes that will save ratepayers more than \$100 million.

To protect and empower our law enforcement officers:

• S.6212: Invest in our criminal justice system and ensure that law enforcement agencies have the resources necessary to successfully solve and prosecute violent crimes.

To protect those on the road:

- S.7717-A: Increase penalties for repeat aggravated reckless driving.
- S.9931: Provide law enforcement with resources to stop reckless driving.

For more information on Senator Rolison and his work on behalf of the Hudson Valley, visit www.nysenate.gov/senators/rob-rolison, reach out to the office at 845-229-0106, and follow him on Facebook and Instagram.