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## Senator Helming, Senate Republican Leader Ortt and Republican Conference Announce Reset New York

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*Comprehensive Plan Includes Proposals to Restart our Local Economies, Rethink How New York State Operates, and Renew our Commitment to Residents*

As the Legislative session is set to begin this week, Senate Republican Leader Robert Ortt and members of the Republican Conference today unveiled a comprehensive vision to Reset New York.

The plan includes several components to address mounting economic and fiscal challenges facing the State -- many of which were exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic -- and to help forge a better path forward for all New Yorkers.

“Under New York’s one-party control, we have seen a dramatic and unwelcome shift in our state’s priorities. Democrats displayed no interest in rebuilding our local economy, lessening the financial burden on our middle class, or stemming the ever-increasing outflow of New York residents fleeing our state. They sought to release dangerous criminals into our communities, undermine our law enforcement, and waste millions of dollars on progressive agenda items. The COVID-19 pandemic has only highlighted the need for immediate action on the unresolved challenges facing our small business community and New York’s hardworking taxpayers,” said Senate Republican Leader Robert Ort.

“Together we can restore New York to its rightful status as the Empire State. To accomplish this we must work with our small business owners, farmers and other job creators. My focus is on getting New York open for business and helping people get back to work safely. This common sense package would help the communities I represent and put our state on the road to real economic recovery and future prosperity,” said Senator Pam Helming.

The Senate Republicans’ plan includes proposals that prioritize restarting our local economies, rethinking how New York State operates, and renewing a commitment to New York State’s residents to ensure strong, robust communities.

**Restart our Local Economies by:**

- Safely reopening our small businesses to help them get back on their feet and offer gainful employment for residents;
- Helping our schools and colleges stay open; and

- Investing in our physical and human infrastructure to rebuild our state's competitiveness.

**Rethink how New York State Operates by:**

- Ending New York State's unaffordability problem, which has been made worse by the pandemic;
- Taking on State government's culture of overspending and restoring fiscal responsibility; and
- Reasserting the Legislature's constitutional authority as an equal branch of government.

**Renew our Commitment to Residents by:**

- Fostering the growth of vibrant local communities;
- Developing a robust economy with diverse opportunities; and
- Creating safer neighborhoods with common sense public safety measures.