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SERINO RESPONDS TO STATE OF THE STATE PRESENTATION

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ALBANY, NY – Senator Sue Serino traveled to the State Capitol today for the first day of the 2022 Legislative Session and released the following statement in response to Governor Kathy Hochul’s first State of the State Address:

“Every day I hear from residents who are fed up with one party control and the rising costs, increases in crime, and government overreach that comes with it. With hundreds of thousands fleeing the state just last year, New Yorkers are voting with their feet, and it is clear the state cannot afford to turn a blind eye to the very real crises we face.

I was heartened to hear that Governor Hochul shares some of the priorities that I have been pushing—including a commitment to bolster support for small businesses that have been impacted by the pandemic, a desire to increase access to mental health services, a drive to expand the Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Program statewide, a push to increase access to childcare, and a need to improve

aging services in the state.

However, the devil is in the details, and today's presentation offered few. I was incredibly disappointed to hear the Governor acknowledge New York's public safety crisis, yet offer no concrete solutions and no mention of the clear need to rollback New York's dangerous bail 'reform' measures.

We have a lot of work ahead of us to stop the outmigration, get our state back on track, restore freedom, and really move forward from the pains of the pandemic. As we begin this Legislative Session, I am committed to ensuring the voices of our neighbors are heard."

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