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**Senate Republican
Conference**

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The Senate Republicans' 2025 Agenda:

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The Senate Republican Conference has a plan to Liberate New York from the devastation of Democrat establishment policies. For too long, Albany bureaucrats have raised taxes, made us less safe, and taken away New Yorkers' freedoms. In the 2025 legislative session, we will fight for the following policies that will build a more affordable, safer, and healthier state for all hardworking New Yorkers.

1. Provide Affordability and Economic Opportunity

New Yorkers are continuously facing declining and unaffordable economic conditions. Rising costs due to inflation, higher taxes, fees, and expensive state mandates are suffocating New York families and forcing businesses to flee to friendlier states. Senate Republicans believe New York's brightest days lie ahead and have developed a comprehensive, common sense plan to revitalize job creation, economic vibrancy, and growth across the Empire State.

To do this, we will fight to:

- Make childcare, elder care and healthcare more affordable
- Cut taxes for residents and small businesses
- Bring jobs back to New York
- Cut housing costs, revitalize our housing stock, and increase housing supply
- Create lasting and affordable clean energy for New York
- Oppose climate taxes on consumers
- Repeal congestion pricing
- Protect our New York farmers and keep agriculture in our state
- Responsibly invest in sustainable infrastructure
- Ensure affordable access to broadband for all New Yorkers

2. Create a Safer and Healthier New York

An essential role of government is ensuring its citizens are safe and healthy in all facets. However, New York continues to face a public safety crisis. Recent “reforms” like cashless bail and other pro-crime policies have made our communities less safe. Our criminal justice policies have emboldened criminals while handcuffing the law enforcement officials who risk their lives to protect us. New York has quite literally been closing the doors of our prisons. Furthermore, our growing mental health crisis is making all New Yorkers less safe and we cannot continue to ignore it. Our legislative proposals include plans to restore order and public safety across the state, while protecting the health and homes of New York’s residents.

We will prioritize public safety and a healthier New York by fighting to:

- Prioritize victims over criminals
- Reverse misguided criminal justice policies and reject further erosion of our criminal justice system
- Fight to end domestic and other violence against women
- Combat the rise of antisemitism and hate crimes
- Protect the safety of our seniors
- Protect and empower our law enforcement officers
- Stop subway violence, crime and theft
- Protect those on the road
- Address New York’s security vulnerabilities
- Confront the substance use and mental health epidemics
- Reduce overdose deaths and close treatment gaps
- Further expand crisis stabilization centers throughout New York
- Support mental health, disability, and other human services direct care workforce
- Provide continuity of care for those, including children, with mental health disorders
- Expand home care options for aging New Yorkers
- Protect funding and care for CDPAP
- Support nursing home and adult care facility residents
- Protect our environment’s vital resources
- Strengthen New York’s emergency weather resiliency
- Protect pets

3. End New York’s Migrant Crisis

New Yorkers should not bear the burden of open-border policies. The unchecked influx of migrants due to “sanctuary cities” has placed an immense strain on New York’s resources, leading to economic challenges and a breakdown of public safety. Our policy proposals aim to tackle this crisis head-on by focusing on support for law enforcement, increased inter-agency cooperation, and fiscal responsibility.

We support securing our borders and ending the migrant crisis that is bankrupting New York by fighting to:

- Enact the NY CARES Act to end New York’s “sanctuary status” and withhold funding from sanctuary cities
- Prohibit the use of taxpayer funds and taxpayer-funded programs to benefit illegal migrants
- Through “Laken’s Law,” commit to cooperating with federal immigration officials to ensure the swift removal of the illegal migrants that have flooded our state and drained our resources
- Safeguard rights of local governments

4. Protect Students and Defend Parental Rights

Parents have the right to make decisions regarding their children’s health and education. In an era where educational decisions increasingly bypass parental input, our legislative proposals aim to safeguard the rights of parents and the well-being of students. Our plan will protect the rights of parents, enhance school safety, and expand opportunities for students to succeed.

We will fight against any attempts to undermine parental authority by:

- Protecting local school districts’ resources by fully funding our schools and opposing mandated BOCES regionalization plans
- Protecting New York students from antisemitism and other hateful violence
- Protecting girls’ sports
- Providing parents with broader education opportunities for their children
- Expanding access to mental health services in our schools
- Expanding opportunities for schools to hire school resource officers

5. Call for Government Accountability and Responsibility

New York's state government needs a rigorous overhaul to ensure accountability and fiscal responsibility. For far too long, there has been an alarming eagerness to dip into taxpayer pockets, increasing your taxes just to fuel ever-growing government expenditures. Our plan aims to end the era of unchecked spending and opaque decision-making.

We will preserve transparency in your government by fighting to:

- Enact statewide voter ID and term limits for politicians
- Keep budgets in check and stop egregious spending increases
- Investigate Governor Hochul's decision to pause congestion pricing

