



# LEGISLATIVE QUESTIONNAIRE

Deputy Majority Leader

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50<sup>th</sup> Senate District



1. NEW YORK STATE HAS A TAX CAP THAT LIMITS PROPERTY TAX INCREASES TO TWO PERCENT OR LESS, BUT THIS CAP IS NOT PERMANENT. DO YOU SUPPORT MAKING THIS PROPERTY TAX CAP PERMANENT?

	Responses	Percent
<b>Yes</b>	<b>7,841</b>	<b>78.8%</b>
No	1,055	10.6%
Undecided	1,060	10.6%

2. DO YOU THINK NEW YORK STATE SHOULD USE TAXPAYER MONEY TO FUND POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS?

	Responses	Percent
Yes	1,378	13.8%
<b>No</b>	<b>7,951</b>	<b>79.9%</b>
Undecided	627	6.3%

3. THE GAP ELIMINATION ADJUSTMENT (GEA) HAS COST LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN LOST STATE AID. DO YOU THINK A COMPLETE REPEAL OF THE GEA SHOULD BE A PRIORITY IN THE NEXT STATE BUDGET?

	Responses	Percent
<b>Yes</b>	<b>5,521</b>	<b>55.5%</b>
No	950	9.5%
Undecided	3,485	35.0%

4. THE "NEW YORK DREAM ACT" HAS BEEN PROPOSED IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE. UNDER THIS MEASURE, CERTAIN ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR STATE FINANCIAL AID FOR HIGHER EDUCATION. DO YOU SUPPORT OR OPPOSE THIS PROPOSAL?

	Responses	Percent
Support	1,123	11.3%
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>8,185</b>	<b>82.2%</b>
Undecided	648	6.5%

5. DO YOU SUPPORT ALLOWING PRISON INMATES TO TAKE FREE COLLEGE COURSES AT TAXPAYER EXPENSE?

	Responses	Percent
Yes	1,962	19.7%
<b>No</b>	<b>7,005</b>	<b>70.4%</b>
Undecided	989	9.9%

6. THE "NEW YORK IS HOME ACT" IS A MEASURE THAT HAS BEEN INTRODUCED IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE THAT WOULD ALLOW ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS TO VOTE, RUN FOR PUBLIC OFFICE, AND RECEIVE CERTAIN BENEFITS. DO YOU SUPPORT OR OPPOSE THIS PROPOSAL?

	Responses	Percent
Support	296	3.0%
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>9,205</b>	<b>92.5%</b>
Undecided	455	4.6%

7. AS OF JANUARY 1, 2016, NEW YORK'S MINIMUM WAGE WILL BE \$9.00 AN HOUR. THE GOVERNOR HAS ANNOUNCED THAT HE WILL GRADUALLY INCREASE THE MINIMUM WAGE TO \$15.00 AN HOUR ONLY FOR FAST FOOD WORKERS AND STATE EMPLOYEES BY JULY 1, 2021, STATEWIDE. DO YOU SUPPORT OR OPPOSE INCREASING THE MINIMUM WAGE TO \$15 AN HOUR?

	Responses	Percent
Support	2,706	27.2%
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>6,231</b>	<b>62.6%</b>
Undecided	1,019	10.2%

8. DO YOU SUPPORT OR OPPOSE THE GOVERNOR'S UNILATERAL DECISION TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM WAGE TO \$15 AN HOUR?

	Responses	Percent
Support	2,462	24.7%
<b>Oppose</b>	<b>6,453</b>	<b>64.8%</b>
Undecided	1,041	10.5%

9. DO YOU SUPPORT MY LEGISLATION THAT WOULD REQUIRE A COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS OF THE GOVERNOR'S ENERGY REFORM INITIATIVE, KNOWN AS REV, BEFORE THE PROPOSAL IS IMPLEMENTED?

	Responses	Percent
<b>Yes</b>	<b>7,676</b>	<b>77.1%</b>
No	554	5.6%
Undecided	1,726	17.3%

10. NEW YORK'S ATTORNEY GENERAL RECENTLY ORDERED THE TWO LARGEST DAILY FANTASY SPORTS COMPANIES TO STOP ACCEPTING BETS IN THE STATE BECAUSE THIS GAMING CONSTITUTES ILLEGAL GAMBLING. OTHERS ARGUE IT IS A GAME OF SKILL, AND THEREFORE LEGAL UNDER STATE LAW. DO YOU THINK FANTASY SPORTS GAMING SHOULD BE ALLOWED IN NEW YORK?

	Responses	Percent
Yes	3,246	32.6%
<b>No</b>	<b>4,564</b>	<b>45.8%</b>
Undecided	2,146	21.6%

11. HOW WOULD YOU RATE MY PERFORMANCE AS YOUR STATE SENATOR? PLEASE SELECT A NUMBER ON A SCALE OF 1 TO 10, WITH 10 BEING THE HIGHEST.

	Responses	Percent
(1-3)	293	2.9%
(4-6)	2,156	21.7%
<b>(7-10)</b>	<b>6,926</b>	<b>69.6%</b>
No answer	581	5.8%