

ASSEMBLYMAN STEVE HAWLEY

"Fighting for Western New York!"



Dear Fellow New Yorker:

Public participation and input are essential to an effective, well-run government. As a member of the Assembly Minority Conference, your voice and your opinions matter to me.

Please take a few minutes to complete this short survey on issues that could directly impact you and your community. You can also take this survey online through my official Facebook page. Just go on Facebook and search for "Assemblyman Steve Hawley."

If you have any questions regarding this survey, feel free to email me at hawleys@assembly.state.ny.us. Thank you for your time and your feedback!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve".

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P.S.: BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS ON THE SURVEY TO BE KEPT UP-TO-DATE ON THE ISSUES IMPORTANT TO YOU!

2016 LEGISLATIVE SURVEY

Please answer the following questions and mail your completed survey to Assemblyman Steve Hawley.

1 How do you feel about the direction in which New York State is headed?

Right Direction

Wrong Direction

2 What issue should be the top priority of New York State government in 2016?

Education

Economic Development/Job Creation

Cutting Taxes

Improving NY's Business Environment

Ethics Reform in Government

Other

3 The state's minimum wage increased to \$9/hour on December 31, 2015. Many have called for an increase to \$15/hour over the next few years. Economists predict an increase to \$15/hour will result in the loss of between 200,000 and 500,000 jobs in New York State. What is your opinion about the state's minimum wage?

The increase to \$9/hour is fine

Minimum wage should be raised slightly (less than \$12.50/hour)

Minimum wage should be increased to \$15/hour

Minimum Wage should be higher than \$15/hour

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4 New York has made recent downstate commitments to a new Tappan Zee Bridge (\$4 billion), renovating LaGuardia Airport (\$4 billion), and funding the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (\$8 billion). In 2016, how should available money be distributed to repair New York's aging roads, bridges & infrastructure?

- Spend available infrastructure money equally across New York State
- Spend a greater portion of infrastructure money on upstate projects to balance previous downstate spending
- Spend all available money on upstate projects, downstate has already received its fair share

5 Census data shows that more people leave New York each year than any other state. In your opinion, what is the biggest factor causing people to leave New York for another state?

- High cost of living
- Lack of jobs or business opportunities
- Property taxes
- Weather

6 What is the best way to create more jobs in New York State?

- Lower taxes on businesses
- Eliminate regulations and red tape
- Lower taxes across the board
- Open casinos
- Rely on state grant programs like START-UP NY

7 Standardized tests in our schools - part of the Common Core Curriculum - have been a controversial topic among parents, teachers and education professionals. More than 200,000 students in New York State opted out of taking the exams last year. In your opinion, what should be done to address Common Core?

- Nothing, children should take the tests and adapt to the program
- Stop giving the tests until the Common Core program is fixed
- Continue the tests while working to address flaws in the program
- Stop standardized tests in schools, they take away from the learning environment
- Other

8 Community colleges offer students a valuable bridge toward careers and future education. Some officials have proposed the idea of providing free community college to students in New York State. What are your thoughts on this proposal?

- Free community college is an important measure that should be pursued
- Students attending community colleges deserve more assistance from the state, but not their entire tuition
- Taxpayers cannot afford to provide this financial commitment at this time

9 While students and families across New York face increasing tuition costs and college debt, some legislators have proposed the DREAM Act - a taxpayer-funded tuition assistance program for illegal immigrants. How do you feel about the DREAM Act?

- Support
- Oppose

10 Some state leaders have proposed 12 weeks of paid family leave to become law as part of this year's state budget. Do you support this proposal, and if so, how do think this should be funded?

- Yes, I support this proposal but it should be paid by the employee through a deduction
- Yes, I support this proposal but the employer should pay for it
- Yes, I support this proposal but the state should pay for this program
- I do not support this proposal

11 Do you support the elimination of pension and retirement benefits for elected public officials who are convicted of felony corruption charges?

- Support
- Oppose

12 Governor Cuomo has pledged to limit outside income for legislators to 15% of the base salary for Assembly members (\$11,925). Do you support the limiting of outside income for elected state officials?

- Yes, I support limiting outside income to \$11,925 per year.
- No, the idea of a citizen-legislator is important and we shouldn't limit outside income.
- Yes, we should ban all outside income and state legislators should work year round and full-time

13 Do you support term limits for legislative leaders (i.e. Speaker of the Assembly, Majority and Minority Leader of both the Assembly and Senate)?

- Support
- Oppose

14 What issue do you feel is not being addressed by officials in Albany?

15 If given the choice, how would you like to receive updates from Assemblyman Steve Hawley?

- Mail
- Email
- Both

16 Please provide your email address to receive updates from Assemblyman Steve Hawley:



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Your Voice Matters!

A brief legislative survey

Make your voice heard!

Complete this survey and connect with
Steve Hawley to discuss the latest news
about your state government!

