

# Dear Neighbor,

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Putting You First!

Dear Neighbors,

As your representative in Albany, I want to do the best job possible to move your ideas and priorities forward. I appreciate hearing your thoughts and comments on the important issues facing the State Legislature. Please take a moment to complete and return the survey below so I know your position on these issues.

Thank you!

Andy Goodell  
ASSEMBLYMAN

## Your Top Priorities

Please list your top three priorities for New York State government and your thoughts and recommendations. Please feel free to attach an additional statement with more details.

- A. \_\_\_\_\_
- B. \_\_\_\_\_
- C. \_\_\_\_\_

### 1. Budget Priorities

Please tell me your recommendations on whether the funding for the following should be increased, decreased, or left about the same.

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| Overall taxes and spending:        | <input type="checkbox"/> increase | <input type="checkbox"/> decrease | <input type="checkbox"/> keep the same |
| Economic development programs:     | <input type="checkbox"/> increase | <input type="checkbox"/> decrease | <input type="checkbox"/> keep the same |
| State aid for local schools:       | <input type="checkbox"/> increase | <input type="checkbox"/> decrease | <input type="checkbox"/> keep the same |
| Drug treatment and prevention:     | <input type="checkbox"/> increase | <input type="checkbox"/> decrease | <input type="checkbox"/> keep the same |
| Health care and Medicaid:          | <input type="checkbox"/> increase | <input type="checkbox"/> decrease | <input type="checkbox"/> keep the same |
| Regional consolidation incentives: | <input type="checkbox"/> increase | <input type="checkbox"/> decrease | <input type="checkbox"/> keep the same |
| Road and bridge funding:           | <input type="checkbox"/> increase | <input type="checkbox"/> decrease | <input type="checkbox"/> keep the same |
| Agricultural programs:             | <input type="checkbox"/> increase | <input type="checkbox"/> decrease | <input type="checkbox"/> keep the same |
| Senior programs:                   | <input type="checkbox"/> increase | <input type="checkbox"/> decrease | <input type="checkbox"/> keep the same |
| Childhood development funding:     | <input type="checkbox"/> increase | <input type="checkbox"/> decrease | <input type="checkbox"/> keep the same |
| Chautauqua Lake:                   | <input type="checkbox"/> increase | <input type="checkbox"/> decrease | <input type="checkbox"/> keep the same |
| Neighborhood Revitalization:       | <input type="checkbox"/> increase | <input type="checkbox"/> decrease | <input type="checkbox"/> keep the same |

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## 2. Job Priorities

Please tell me your recommendations on whether the following should be increased, decreased, or left about the same:

Business tax incentives:	<input type="checkbox"/> increase	<input type="checkbox"/> decrease	<input type="checkbox"/> keep the same
Taxes on small businesses:	<input type="checkbox"/> increase	<input type="checkbox"/> decrease	<input type="checkbox"/> keep the same
Taxes on wealthy investors:	<input type="checkbox"/> increase	<input type="checkbox"/> decrease	<input type="checkbox"/> keep the same
Environmental regulations:	<input type="checkbox"/> increase	<input type="checkbox"/> decrease	<input type="checkbox"/> keep the same
Workers' compensation benefits:	<input type="checkbox"/> increase	<input type="checkbox"/> decrease	<input type="checkbox"/> keep the same
Unemployment benefits:	<input type="checkbox"/> increase	<input type="checkbox"/> decrease	<input type="checkbox"/> keep the same

Would you vote to provide businesses with a tax credit for each new employee hired?  Yes  No

Would you vote to eliminate business incentive programs and use the savings to cut taxes for all businesses?  Yes  No

What are your ideas and suggestions to improve the business environment in New York to create more jobs? Please feel free to attach an additional statement with details.

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## 3. Health

Please tell me your concerns and preferences regarding these health issues.

Would you vote to require insurance companies to provide coverage for pre-existing conditions?  Yes  No

Would you vote to replace all private insurance with taxpayer-funded government health care?  Yes  No

Would you vote to allow small businesses to offer a very basic health insurance policy to reduce health insurance costs?  Yes  No

Would you vote to reduce state-mandated insurance coverage so people could purchase health insurance tailored to their specific needs, without forcing them to pay for coverage they do not want?  Yes  No

Would you vote to increase taxes to expand Medicaid coverage for low-income residents?  Yes  No

Would you vote for New York State to take over all Medicaid costs from the counties in order to lower your property taxes, even though it might increase your state taxes?  Yes  No

Would you vote to require a drug overdose patient to stay at a hospital up to 72 hours for observation and counseling?  Yes  No

Would you vote to increase funding for transitional housing for people in recovery from addiction?  Yes  No

Would you vote to provide free, clean needles to drug abusers to prevent infections?  Yes  No

Would you vote to allow sick or elderly people to end their own lives using a lethal drug dose prescribed by a physician?  Yes  No

If "yes", would you vote to:

Limit assisted suicide to terminally ill patients?  Yes  No

Require mandatory counseling?  Yes  No

Require mandatory referral to Hospice or similar palliative care entities?  Yes  No

Require certification of the mental capacity of the patient?  Yes  No

Require the administration of the lethal drug by a physician or health care professional?  Yes  No

What are your suggestions to improve healthcare in New York?

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## 4. Environmental

Our challenge is to balance our obligations to the environment with the effects on the costs of living and of doing business in New York State. What are your views on the following issues?

Would you vote to require utility companies to purchase more of their power from solar or wind energy sources regardless of price?  Yes  No

Would you vote to support windmill farms in Chautauqua County?  Yes  No

Would you vote to allow herbicide treatment of weeds on Chautauqua Lake?  Yes  No

Would you vote to support the conversion of coal-powered electric plants to natural gas?  Yes  No

Would you vote to prohibit all greenhouse gases within 30 years from cars, houses, businesses, and industries located in New York State?  Yes  No

What are your ideas and suggestions to improve the environment in New York State?

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## 5. Undocumented Immigrants

There has been a great deal of controversy over how we should address the issue of illegal (undocumented) immigrants and the children of undocumented immigrants. Please share your thoughts on the following issues:

- Would you vote to allow the children of illegal immigrants to stay in New York State if they were brought here at a young age and have not been involved in any criminal activity?  Yes  No
- Would you vote to allow illegal immigrants or their children to be eligible for welfare benefits, Medicaid, housing assistance, or food stamps?  Yes  No
- Would you vote to give the children of illegal immigrants free college tuition?  Yes  No
- Would you vote to allow illegal immigrants to obtain a New York State driver license?  Yes  No
- Would you vote to prohibit New York State law enforcement officials from cooperating with federal immigration officials in deporting illegal immigrants who have committed a crime in New York State? (sanctuary state)?  Yes  No

## 6. Welfare Reform

We need to be compassionate to those who need our help, but we do not want to enable generations of people to stay on welfare forever. New York currently has some of the highest welfare benefits in the nation, which increases state and local taxes. What are your views on the following?

- Would you vote to reduce an able-bodied person's welfare benefits to the national average after they have been on welfare for five years?  Yes  No
- Would you vote to increase the penalty for welfare recipients who refuse to participate in work activities or job training?  Yes  No
- Would you vote to require teenagers to be actively attending school or GED high school equivalency classes as a condition for receiving welfare?  Yes  No
- Would you vote to limit food stamps to healthy food and prohibit food stamps from being used for snacks, soft drinks, or junk food?  Yes  No
- Would you vote to include all the income of both parents in calculating welfare eligibility, regardless of their marital status?  Yes  No
- What are your ideas and suggestions to improve the welfare programs in New York? Please feel free to attach an additional statement with more details.
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## 7. Ethics

- Would you vote to prohibit lobbyists, state contractors, and others with a personal interest in pending legislation from making campaign contributions to state legislators?  Yes  No
- Would you vote to prohibit state legislators from having any income from a second job or occupation, even though such a prohibition might eliminate successful businessmen or otherwise qualified individuals from running for office?  Yes  No
- Would you vote to restrict campaign contributions from limited liability companies, unions, and all others to the same level as individual contributions?  Yes  No
- Would you vote to require all income tax returns for candidates for elected office to be publicly available, even if it is a joint return and includes financial information about their spouse?  Yes  No

## 8. Domestic Abuse

- Would you vote to establish a domestic abuse registry of all convicted abusers so a person can check the registry before becoming intimately involved with a person?  Yes  No
- Would you vote to allow landlords to seek damages from an abuser if the victim breaks the lease in order to flee from the abuser?  Yes  No

## 9. Other Issues

- Would you vote to allow late-term abortions, even if the unborn child could survive outside the womb?  Yes  No
- Would you vote to impose a requirement that rifles be stored in a locked cabinet?  Yes  No
- Would you vote to finance political campaigns using taxpayer money?  Yes  No
- Would you vote to provide financial incentives to municipalities that share services with other municipalities?  Yes  No
- Would you vote to require on-line purchases to be subject to sales taxes to provide a level playing field for local retailers?  Yes  No

## Other ideas:

Please give me your other ideas, recommendations, and advice on how I can best represent you in Albany.

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