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2026 Legislative
Priorities*

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“Hochul signs bill ending
gas hookup subsidy”⁵

“High costs and family drive
New York population exodus”⁶

“Energy costs soar in
New York, lawmakers
call for emergency
relief as residents
face tough
choices”⁷

- 1) <https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/rankings/opportunity/affordability?sort=rank-desc>
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- 4) <https://www.peoplekeep.com/blog/the-least-and-most-expensive-states-for-individual-health-insurance>
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- 7) <https://www.whec.com/top-news/energy-costs-soar-in-new-york-lawmakers-call-for-emergency-relief-as-residents-face-tough-choices/>
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KEEP MORE OF WHAT YOU EARN

..... *Tague's 2026 Agenda*

PUTTING MORE MONEY IN YOUR POCKET

New York State ranks 45th nationally for affordability,¹ with the price of food, shelter, and energy rising by 25%, 19%, and 31% respectively since 2020.²

- ▶ **Eliminate Taxes on Overtime**
(A.8965) – This would aim to exempt overtime pay from state income tax so you keep more of what you earn.
- ▶ **Eliminate Taxes on Tips**
(A.5856-A) – This would allow a state income tax deduction for cash tips received as wages.
- ▶ **Suspend Sales Tax on Essentials**
(A.7417) – Would temporarily remove sales tax on motor fuel, personal care products, housekeeping supplies, and ready-to-eat foods from grocery stores and restaurants.

REDUCING HEALTHCARE COSTS

New York is one of the most expensive states in the nation for healthcare (nearly \$10,000 annually for single health coverage).⁴

- ▶ **Establish Health Benefit and Cost Commission**
(A.9367) – This bill create a commission to review mandated benefits and require cost impact statements on new proposals.
- ▶ **Create New York State Healthcare Savings Program**
(A.9384) – Would establish tax-advantaged savings accounts for qualified healthcare expenses.
- ▶ **Pass Medicaid Network Access Protection Act**
(A.9312) – If passed, this would increase transparency in Medicaid managed care networks and protect continuity of care.

LOWERING SKY-HIGH UTILITY COSTS

New York residential electricity costs are nearly 60% above the national average.³ Even Albany's own experts admit that mandates mean massive price hikes.⁸

- ▶ **Working for Consumer Choice**
(A.0653) – Would ensure you can choose the energy source that best fits your needs and budget.
- ▶ **Demanding A Study of CLCPA Costs**
(A.5395) – Would require a third-party cost-benefit analysis of renewable goals and extend unrealistic deadlines.
- ▶ **Advocating for Natural Gas in New Homes**
(A.6796) – This looks to prohibit bans on natural gas appliances in most new construction for reliable, affordable energy.



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