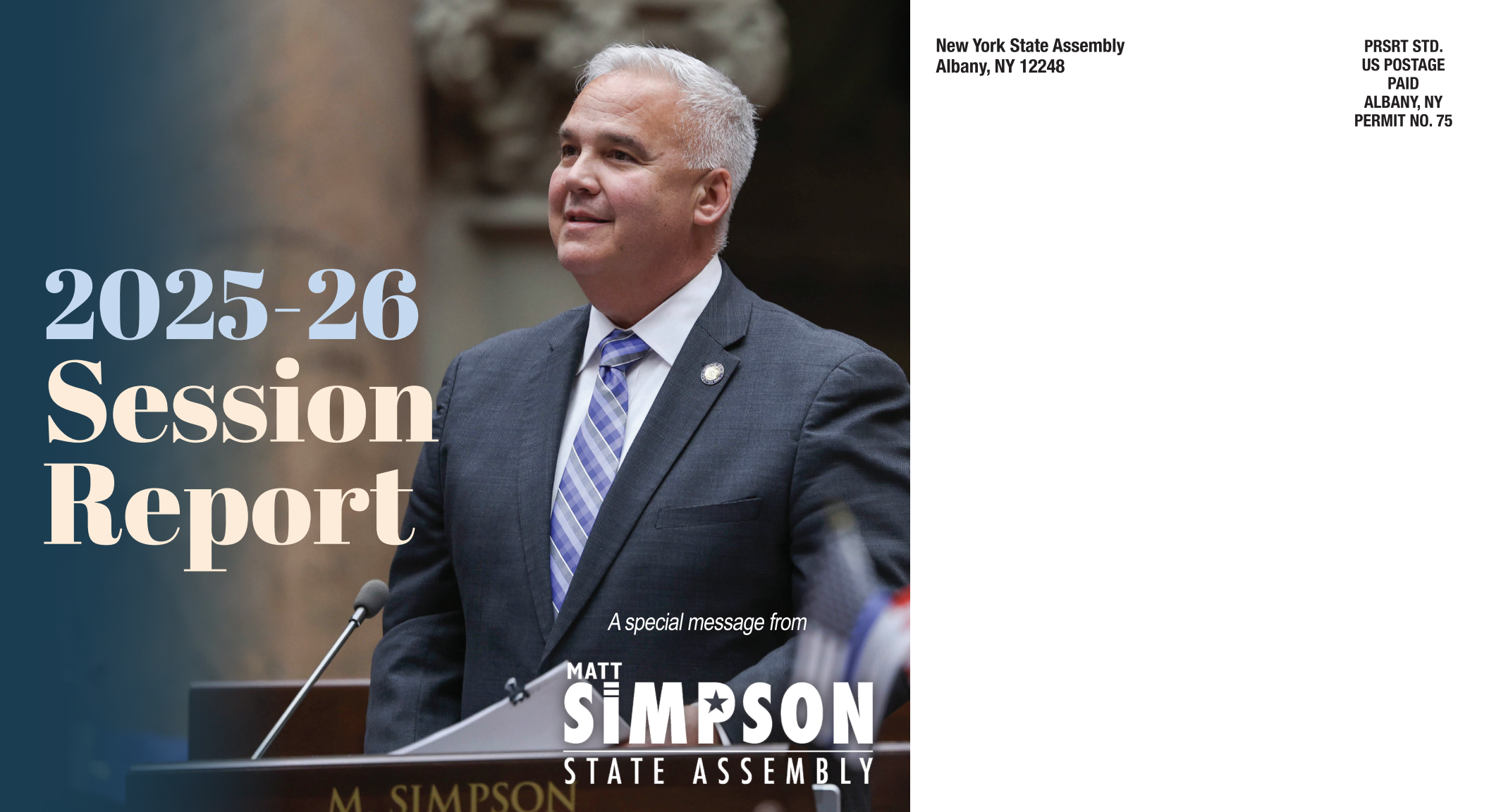


A photograph of Matt Simpson, a man with grey hair, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a blue and white striped tie. He is standing at a podium, looking slightly to his left. The background is a blurred interior of a legislative chamber.

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A special message from

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Dear Neighbor,

The New York
State 2026-27
Budget includes
several key
investments
that benefit
families, schools,
infrastructure
and our
communities in
the Adirondack
region. Here are
some highlights:

Supporting Families and Education

The budget provides nearly \$39 billion in State School Aid (**a \$1.7 billion increase**), along with approximately **\$3 billion in child care subsidies** and **expanded Universal Pre-K**, helping more working families access affordable child care and quality early education.¹

Fiscal Flexibility for School Districts

The zero-emission bus mandate has been **delayed five years**. School districts now have until **2032** to purchase only zero-emission buses and until **2040** for a full fleet transition. This provides needed flexibility and cost relief for taxpayers and school districts alike.¹

**Matt has been a strong advocate for the full repeal of the CLCPA to eliminate these costly and unrealistic mandates on our schools and taxpayers.⁴*

Clean Water Infrastructure

A record **\$3.75 billion** multi-year commitment to modernize New York's water systems was secured in this year's budget, delivering **\$750 million** in grants this year! This funding supports drinking water, wastewater management improvements, clean water projects that keep costs manageable for local communities and protects the Adirondack region's waterways.²

Arts and Culture

A new **\$250,000** New York State Music Grant Fund, part of broader support for the arts that includes more than **\$171 million** for the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA), will help bring music education directly into North Country classrooms and support tourism and cultural programs for the region.³

Supporting First Responders

Working to get the state income tax credit for volunteer firefighters and EMS workers quadrupled from **\$200 to \$800** so that volunteer fire houses can improve recruitment and retain these vital community volunteers.⁵

¹ A.10003-D | ² A.10004-D | ³ A.10000-D

⁴ <https://www.news10.com/capitol/ny-clcpa-climate-budget-change/> | ⁵ A.6790

I'm always happy to hear what you think about how I can best serve you in the state Assembly. If you have any comments, questions or concerns on this or any state issue, please don't hesitate to visit my office at 4 Southwestern Ave., Suite 3, Queensbury, NY 12804 or call 1-518-792-4546.

A photograph of Matt Simpson, a man with grey hair wearing a blue suit and a red patterned tie, standing at a podium in the New York State Assembly. He is looking slightly to his left. In the background, other people are seated at desks, and an American flag is visible.

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