

LOWERING SKY-HIGH UTILITY COSTS

New York residential electricity costs are about 50% above the national average.³ Even Albany's own experts admit that mandates mean massive price hikes.⁵

Working for Consumer Choice

(A.0653) – Ensure you can choose the energy source that best fits your needs and budget.

Demanding A Study of CLCPA Costs

(A.5395) – Require a third-party cost-benefit analysis of renewable goals and extend unrealistic deadlines.

Calling for Responsible Development

(A.5908) – Give local municipalities final say on approving or denying large renewable energy projects in their communities, ensuring decisions respect local laws, protect farmland, and sensitive habitats, while limiting the Office of Renewable Energy Siting (ORES)'s power to override zoning and conservation rules.

Ask the governor to take action and declare an energy emergency to lower energy costs.



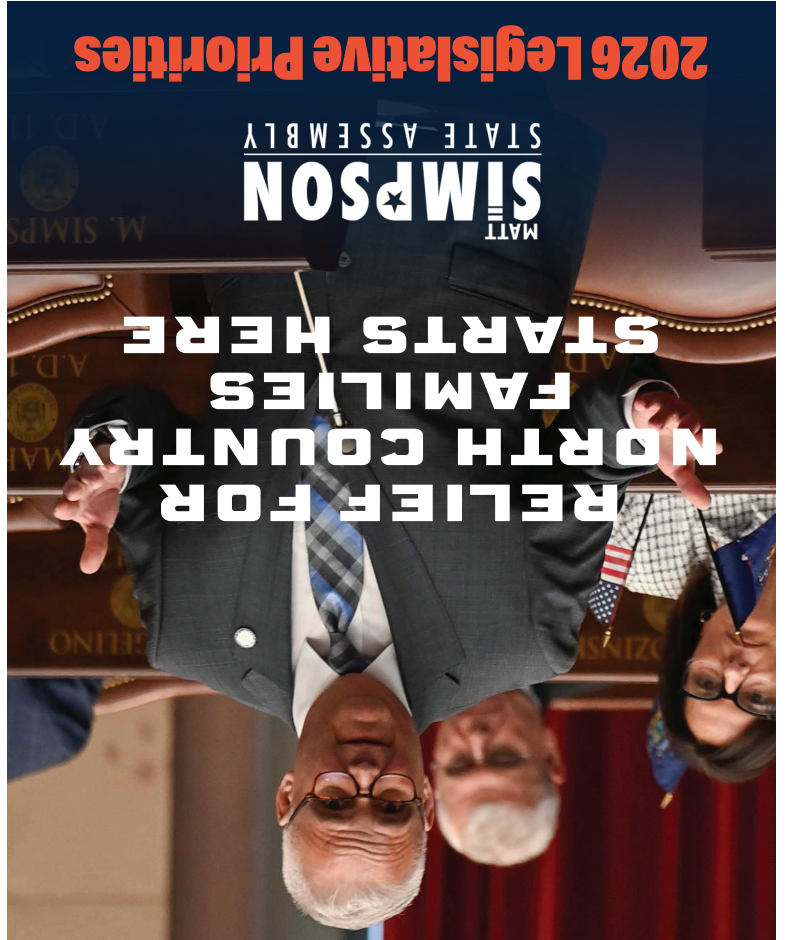
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2026 Legislative Priorities

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Simpson's 2026 Agenda

Dear Neighbor,

New York State ranks near the bottom nationally for affordability. Costs have risen sharply in recent years, but I am committed to lowering these burdens. Here are key bills I'm co-sponsoring to help make life more affordable for hardworking New Yorkers:

Working to Put More Money in Your Pocket

New York State ranks 45th nationally for affordability, as overall costs have increased by 18% since 2021¹

- ▶ **Eliminate Taxes on Overtime** (A.8965) – Codify and exempt overtime pay from state income tax to mirror federal “no tax on OT.”
- ▶ **Eliminate Taxes on Tips** (A.5856) – Codify state income tax deduction for cash tips received as wages, “no tax on tips.”
- ▶ **Suspend Sales Tax on Essentials** (A.7417) – Temporarily remove sales tax on motor fuel, personal care products, housekeeping supplies, and ready-to-eat foods from grocery stores and restaurants.
- ▶ **Earned Income Tax Credit** (A.2492) – Boost working families with an average of \$1,301, aiding those juggling work and child care.

Reducing Healthcare Costs

New York has the nation's highest costs for single health coverage (nearly \$10,000 annually)²

- ▶ **Health Benefit and Cost Commission** (A.4545) – Create a commission to review mandated benefits and require cost impact statements on new proposals.
- ▶ **New York State Healthcare Savings Program** (A.4545) – Establish tax-advantaged savings accounts for qualified healthcare expenses.
- ▶ **Medicaid Network Access Protection Act** (A.9312) – Increase transparency in Medicaid managed care networks and protect continuity of care.

Limiting Childcare Costs

- ▶ **Provide stable funding for the Child Care Assistance Program** for year-round reliability to deliver peace of mind to North Country working families and providers alike.⁴
- ▶ **Expand the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit (CDCTC)** (A.2314) to provide an additional average benefit of roughly \$575 and review existing tax incentives for employers to assist with their employees' childcare needs.