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ITEMS OF SUPPORT



Improvement of State's Greenhouse Gas Emission Accounting System

This commonsense proposal is a significant step toward providing greater equity for businesses, consumers, and ratepayers who will bear the costs because of the state's zero-emissions goal.



Unemployment Insurance Relief and Reform

This proposal would adjust the unemployment insurance tax rate to help reduce an employer's tax obligation, as well as increase the weekly maximum employment benefit.



Prevent Retail Crime and Strengthen Consumer Protections

By creating an organized retail crime task force, this proposal would help to review current laws and provide legislative and regulatory recommendations to help prevent such crime, enhance consumer protections, and address the economic impact in New York State.



Expand and Enhance Wireless Broadband

Upstate New York desperately needs uniformity when it comes to wireless broadband. Legislation to help improve the siting process for placement, collocation, modification and maintenance of wireless facilities would not only help to ease the burdens on local municipalities, but also incentivize wireless carriers to co-locate their equipment with existing infrastructure.



Elimination of COVID Sick Pay

Provides requirements for sick leave and the provision of certain employee benefits when such employee is subject to a mandatory or precautionary orders of quarantine or isolation due to COVID-19.





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Extended Producer Responsibility

There are several bills that would shift the burden of transferring end of life packaging materials from municipalities to “producers” which is loosely defined and includes manufacturers of these types of products, as well as companies who import, use or sell these types of products.



New York Health Act

Proposals that would eliminate the current system of health care coverage in New York State and substitute it with a multi-billion-dollar, government-run single payer system paid for by the state’s taxpayers should be rejected by the Legislature.



Regulation of Temperature on Worksites

This bill would impose additional burdens and training on employers regarding temperature regulation of indoor and outdoor worksites.



Anti-trust Bill

This bill would alter New York State General Business Law’s provisions regarding anticompetitive practices. The central terms are left undefined, and the language is unreasonably ambiguous, it would leave reasonable people uncertain as to what conduct is permissible and which is prohibited under the Act.



Good Cause Eviction

This bill would essentially establish a universal rent control model. The bill would cap rent increase at 3 percent a year or one- and one-half times the annual percentage change in the Consumer Price Index, whichever is greater.



Offset Prefab Bill

This bill would place prevailing wage mandates on custom fabrication work, leading to a disastrous loss of New York manufacturing jobs and increasing construction costs for critical projects that benefit the quality of life for New York residents statewide.



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Prevailing Wage Requirements

Legislation that would significantly increase the cost of construction in New York State, which already experiences some of the highest construction costs in the country should not advance. Two major concerns with increasing construction costs are that it will curtail the development of the market rate and affordable housing and drive development out of New York State as developers rely on public incentives to build in New York.



Employee Lien

This bill would permit an employee to file an employee's lien against an employer's interest in real and personal property for an alleged wage claim.



Data Privacy

This bill enacts the New York privacy act to require companies to disclose their methods of de-identifying personal information, to place special safeguards around data sharing and to allow consumers to obtain the names of all entities with whom their information is shared. While consumer data and privacy are incredibly important, this bill would go too far in requiring businesses and consumers to understand and implement very complex privacy standards and, ultimately, cause more burden to businesses than benefit to New Yorkers.

