

# WE NEED OUR ECONOMY MOVING, NOT OUR PEOPLE.

17 years ago, our organization was formed with a simple call to action: We want our economy moving, not our people. Today, that want has become a critical need that must be addressed head on.

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fourth highest in the nation while our business tax climate is the second worst.

From 2010 to 2020, the population of Texas and Florida grew by 15.9 percent and 14.6 percent respectively. New York only grew by 4.2 percent. Looking back even further to 1970, New York has lost 13 Congressional seats to other states due to our sluggish growth.

That decline in federal representation has real consequences.

To make matters worse, historic inflation over the last 18 months has put a massive strain on households and businesses across the state. Struggling New Yorkers need elected officials to do what they can to bring costs down,

not drive them up. Small businesses have been hurt by rising costs, supply chain issues and labor shortages. Albany must stop hurting them and start helping them.

According to a recent Siena Research Institute poll, New Yorkers believe that tackling the cost of living should a top priority after addressing crime.

Absent real action from Albany, the troubling trends that we've highlighted will continue. But if state leaders seize this moment and deliver meaningful relief and reforms, there's still hope for New York. It's not too late to make our state stronger and more secure. The need to grow our economy and our communities has never been greater.

## OUR LEADERS IN ALBANY SIMPLY AREN'T DOING ENOUGH TO GET OUR COMMUNITIES AND ECONOMY GROWING.

# OUR 2023 ADVOCACY AGENDA: UNITED FOR RELIEF AND REFORM

## SUPPORT PRO-GROWTH POLICIES

- Broad-Based Tax Relief
- Unemployment Insurance Relief and Reform
- Energy Reliability and Affordability
- Employer-Led Workforce Development
- Refugees/Immigrant-Led Repopulation
- Investments in Upstate Infrastructure

## REJECT REGRESSIVE PROPOSALS

- Minimum Wage Increases/ Indexing
- Government-Run Single Payer System
- Banning Essential Fuel Sources
- Burdensome Employer Mandates
- Prohibitive Construction Mandates

## ABOUT US

Upstate United is a non-partisan, pro-taxpayer, pro-economic growth, education and advocacy coalition made up of business and trade organizations from across Upstate New York. Our primary mission is to make Upstate New York a more affordable place to live and a better place to do business.

With the support of our partners, we're proud to be a voice for Upstate taxpayers.

## OUR PARTNERS

