



Affordability and Cost of Living

Bring down costs to make New York a more affordable place to live



Our Goal

The Assembly Minority Conference knows it is too expensive to live and raise a family in New York State. With ever-increasing grocery prices, energy bills, and taxes to pay for a bloated government, we understand how important it is to reverse course and finally provide relief for these stressful financial burdens.

Our plan will provide immediate relief to families on essential goods, will make it more difficult to increase taxes in the future, and will reduce the size and scope of the State government. Our Conference is willing to work with anybody to implement this agenda and looks forward to enacting these common-sense solutions to provide relief to hardworking New Yorkers.

State of Affairs



Cost of Living

New York State ranks [45th in the nation](#) in affordability



High Electricity Costs

New York residential electricity costs are [50% higher](#) than the national average



Unaffordable Health Costs

Recent polling shows [80%](#) of New Yorkers are either "worried" or "very worried" about health care affordability

Our Plan

<http://bit.ly/3Zgyp2F>

Address High Prices of Essential Needs

- Reduce the impact of inflation
- Bring down the cost of energy bills
- Cut taxes on pensions and sales taxes on cellphones

Prevent Future Tax Increases

- Require a 2/3 vote of both houses of the Legislature to increase/extend taxes
- Require legislative approval before a State agency imposes or raises fees

Reduce Government Spending

- Implement a statutory State Spending Cap to control annual increases
- Require review of State agencies and recommend abolition or reformation if they fail to meet their stated missions

Bring Down Child Care Costs

- Adopt a regional cost model for child care subsidies
- Provide for expanded child care tax credits and create tax incentives for improvements

More Affordable Health Care

- Develop a Northeast Regional Insurance marketplace
- Expand enrollment options
- Create New York Health Savings Accounts

