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Greetings –

Today I met with my Assembly colleagues to review the impact of the omnibus federal tax and spending legislation signed by President Trump on July 4th. This legislation is highly regressive benefiting the wealthy while damaging safety net programs for low- and middle- income people and at the same time driving up the federal deficit. It also guts Biden tax incentives for renewable energy and doubles down on promoting climate destroying fossil fuels.

The most direct impact on New York will be on the Medicaid and food stamp (SNAP) programs. Analysis indicates that the State's budget will take a \$10 billion hit in healthcare and SNAP funding resulting in 1.5 million New Yorkers losing health insurance. To protect the 3 million New Yorkers who rely on SNAP, the State will need to identify \$1.4 billion to make up the federal cut. The State will also have to develop a policy response to protect those who will lose SNAP benefits and Medicaid due to new work requirements. In addition to the direct hit on the State's budget, the healthcare system may lose as much as \$13 billion that could result in closures to financially distressed hospitals; this would deny many people access to healthcare but also cause extensive job losses in the healthcare sector.

Governor Hochul needs to call a special session of the Legislature so we can work together to ensure that New Yorkers have needed access to healthcare and food, while protecting other vital programs and services. This will require hard choices regarding tax and spending measures. To start, I will be advocating for the elimination of Governor Hochul's one-time "inflation refund checks," which are slated to be between \$150 - \$400 per household but will cost the State approximately \$2 billion.

Standing up against ICE and Trump's deportation regime

The same federal legislation that will deny people healthcare and food stamps, ramps up spending for ICE allocating \$45 billion to expand detention centers and \$30 billion for arrests and deportations.

New York State must take action to do what we can to stand-up to Trump's inhumane deportation regime. I strongly support and will continue to advocate for: the [New York For All Act \(A.3506\)](#), which would prohibit New York state and local government agencies, including police and sheriffs, from cooperating with ICE, disclosing sensitive information, and diverting personnel or other resources to further federal immigration enforcement; the [Dignity Not Detention Act \(A.4181\)](#), that bars local jails from renting out cell space to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) for profit; and, the Mandating End of Lawless Tactics Act, which would prohibit officers and agents at all levels of government from covering their faces while interacting with the public in the performance of their duties and that officers be clearly identifiable through a name, badge number, or other visible marker on their uniforms.

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