

2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION RECAP

Fewer than half of New Yorkers believe we're heading in the right direction.<sup>1</sup> Despite New York ranking last in state and local tax burden,<sup>2</sup> we saw a record-setting quarter-trillion-dollar budget, ignoring the financial strain on our residents. Failure to address our affordability crisis and poor business climate continues to drive outmigration. Even with the formal legislative season coming to a close, I will continue to advocate for your needs and fight to deliver the relief you deserve.

Sincerely,

*[Handwritten signature of Matt Simpson]*

Matt Simpson

Assemblyman for the 114th Assembly District

<sup>1</sup> <https://gothamist.com/news/new-poll-finds-new-yorkers-in-an-empire-state-of-mind-thats-good-for-democrats>

<sup>2</sup> <https://cbcnny.org/research/new-york-still-top-charts>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.nyvtmedia.com/sections/nyvt-media-news/articles/nutritious-food-for-state-s-schools-imperiled-by-tariffs-funding-cuts>

<sup>4</sup> A.282

<sup>5</sup> A.3006-C

<sup>6</sup> A.447

<sup>7</sup> A.3780

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.empirecenter.org/publications/charging-forward-new-yorks-costly-rush-to-electrify-school-buses/>  
<sup>9</sup> <https://docs.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2024/12/docs-fact-sheet-december-2024.pdf>

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Some Bills I Sponsored this Session

**HALT Act repealer** so that our COs have the tools to keep our prisons and themselves safe. (A.3217)

**Fiscal Cliff Task Force** that will recommend ways to solve the "benefits cliff" and eliminate the unintended consequences of certain benefit criteria so critical assistance programs work for individuals seeking true financial independence. (A.2497)

**Offer New York seniors a tax credit** covering half of their property taxes, **up to \$6,500**, to ease financial obstacles and help retirees stay in the state. (A.452)

**A proposal to cut unnecessary costs and streamlining** the ammunition purchasing process for law-abiding gun owners who have successfully completed previous background checks. (A.1801)

**Extend the right to recall and replace elected officials** to New York residents. (A.3136)

**Help local communities and schools** by requiring the state to pay property and school taxes on dormant and abandoned state prisons to ensure previous host communities of our public safety infrastructure are made whole. (A.3221)

**Enact the Rural Energy Freedom Act** to exempt wood heating and cooking from greenhouse gas emissions reduction requirements to allow continued use of wood burning fireplaces, woodstoves, and pellet stoves. (A.2003)



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# Activities in Albany



I advocated for our children in need to receive free school meals.<sup>3,4</sup> It was ultimately included in the 2025-26 State Budget<sup>5</sup>, which will have a tremendous impact on positive student outcomes.

I joined my Assembly and Senate colleagues as we called for increased resources and support for our state's mental health services.



I stood with our correctional officers as they demanded reform and respect from New York State.

I fought to REPEAL the HALT Act, which has caused a dangerous spike in violence against correctional officers and inmates in New York's prisons.<sup>9</sup>



Failure to address our affordability crisis is continuing to drive outmigration, which is why I voted AGAINST Albany's record-setting quarter-trillion-dollar budget. The NYS budget has increased nearly \$100 billion in the five years I've been in office. We don't have a revenue problem, we have a spending and priority problem.



I joined my fellow New York state and federal representatives to advocate for stronger public safety measures and called for the reversal of Albany's out-of-touch policies that ignore the best interests of New Yorkers.

I voted NO to costly energy policies prohibiting reliable, dispatchable, and cost-effective energy sources like natural gas in most new buildings by 2026<sup>5</sup> and underfunded EV bus mandates,<sup>7</sup> which will cost school districts between \$8 and \$15.25 billion more than the cost of diesel buses.<sup>8</sup>

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**I'm always happy to hear what you think about how I can best serve you in the state Assembly.**

If you have any comments, questions, or concerns on this or any state issue, please don't hesitate to visit my office at 4 Southwestern Ave., Suite 3, Queensbury, NY 12804 or call 1-518-792-4546.