## 2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION RECAP

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

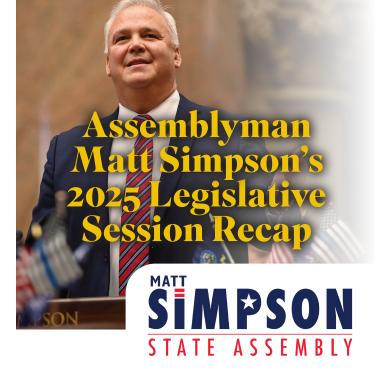
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Matt Simpson Sincerely,

Assemblyman for the 114th Assembly District

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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)

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

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

A proposal to cut unnecessary costs and streamlining the amminion

previous background checks. (A.1801) purchasing process for law-abiding gun owners who have successfully completed

Extend the right to recall and replace elected officials to New York residents.

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

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





## **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>

