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## FINAL BUDGET REPORT

from Assemblymember

Jen Lunsford

*Fighting for New York families*

***“As rising inflation continues to send gas and grocery bills through the roof, I passed a budget that puts money back in your pockets while also investing in our future.”***



**ASSEMBLYMEMBER**  
**Jen Lunsford**

# Assemblymember Lunsford: Fighting for Families



## Providing economic relief to working families

- ▶ Provides **\$2.2 billion in tax rebates** for eligible homeowners
- ▶ Secures the **lowest tax rate in 70 years** for our families through middle class tax cuts
- ▶ Expands the **Child Tax Credit** and the **Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)**
- ▶ Suspends the state gas tax, saving motorists **\$585 million**

## Investing in education and child care

- ▶ Invests nearly **\$3 billion more** in child care
- ▶ Provides **\$343 million** in grants to child care providers to help raise wages and control costs
- ▶ Allocates **\$1.1 billion** to expand Universal Pre-K across the state
- ▶ Invests **\$52.5 billion** in total school aid
- ▶ Provides an **11% increase** in special education provider rates
- ▶ Includes a **tax exemption** for all state loan forgiveness programs

*Assemblymember Lunsford helped pass a state budget that supports New Yorkers struggling with rising inflation, invests in education, health care and environmental preservation, and makes commonsense reforms.*

## Fighting against climate change

- ▶ Creates a **\$4.2 billion Environmental Bond** to help local governments improve drinking water quality, mitigate flooding and harden their infrastructure to climate change
- ▶ Protects our **freshwater wetlands**
- ▶ Expands the **Brownfield Cleanup program**
- ▶ Provides **\$400 million** to the Environmental Protection Fund

## Funding health care

- ▶ Improves access to **telehealth services**
- ▶ Adds **\$904 million** to Medicaid and **\$120 million** to public health programs
- ▶ Creates **bonuses** of up to **\$3,000** to full-time health and mental hygiene **frontline workers**
- ▶ Gives a long overdue **cost-of-living raise** to mental hygiene workers in hospitals and group homes

## Making government work

- ▶ Creates a **Department of Veterans Affairs** to help streamline access to resources for our veterans
- ▶ Enhances the **Hire-A-Vet tax credit** to encourage businesses to hire more veterans
- ▶ Creates a **database of economic development projects** to track how the government is spending tax revenue
- ▶ Fulfills the state's responsibility to **fund local governments** and lets local tax dollars **stay local**

*Questions? Concerns? My office is here to help!*  
**Assemblymember Jen Lunsford**