

Assembly Minority Leader

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Dear Fellow New Yorker:

Public participation and input are essential to an effective, well-run government. As Leader of the Assembly Minority Conference, your voice and your opinions matter to me.

Please take a few minutes to complete this short survey on issues that could directly impact you and your community. You can also take this survey online through my official Facebook page. Just go on Facebook and search for "Assemblyman Brian Kolb."

If you have any questions regarding this survey, feel free to email me at kolbb@assembly.state.ny.us. Thank you for your time and your feedback!

Sincerely,

Brian M. Kolb, Assembly Minority Leader

P.S.: BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS ON THE SURVEY TO BE KEPT UP-TO-DATE ON THE ISSUES IMPORTANT TO YOU!

2015 LEGISLATIVE SURVEY

Please answer the following questions and mail your completed survey to Assembly Minority Leader Brian M. Kolb.

1 How do you feel about the direction in which New York State is headed?

Right Direction

Wrong Direction

2 What issue should be the top priority of New York State government in 2016?

Education

Economic Development/Job Creation

Cutting Taxes

Improving NY's Business Environment

Ethics Reform in Government

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3 The state's minimum wage will increase to \$9/hour on December 31, 2015. Some have called for an increase to \$15/hour over the next few years. Economists predict an increase to \$15/hour will result in the loss of between 200,000 and 500,000 jobs in New York State. What is your opinion about the state's minimum wage?

- The scheduled increase to \$9/hour is fine
- Minimum wage should be raised slightly (less than \$12.50/hour)
- Minimum wage should be increased to \$15/hour
- Minimum Wage should be higher than \$15/hour

4 New York has made recent downstate commitments to a new Tappan Zee Bridge (\$4 billion), renovating LaGuardia Airport (\$4 billion), and funding the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (\$8 billion). In 2016, how should available money be distributed to repair New York's aging roads, bridges & infrastructure?

- Spend available infrastructure money equally across New York State
- Spend a greater portion of infrastructure money on upstate projects to balance previous downstate spending
- Spend all available money on upstate projects, downstate has already received its fair share

5 Census data shows that more people leave New York each year than any other state. In your opinion, what is the biggest factor causing people to leave New York for another state?

- High cost of living
- Lack of jobs or business opportunities
- Property taxes
- Weather

6 What is the best way to create more jobs in New York State?

- Lower taxes on businesses
- Eliminate regulations and red tape
- Lower taxes across the board
- Open casinos
- Rely on state grant programs like START-UP NY

7 Standardized tests in our schools – part of the Common Core Curriculum – have been a controversial topic among parents, teachers and education professionals. More than 200,000 students in New York State opted out of taking the exams last year. In your opinion, what should be done to address Common Core?

- Nothing, children should take the tests and adapt to the program
- Stop giving the tests until the Common Core program is fixed
- Continue the tests while working to address flaws in the program
- Stop standardized tests in schools, they take away from the learning environment

8 Community colleges offer students a valuable bridge toward careers and future education. Some officials have proposed the idea of providing free community college to students in New York State. What are your thoughts on this proposal?

- Free community college is an important measure that should be pursued
- Students attending community colleges deserve more assistance from the state, but not their entire tuition
- Taxpayers cannot afford to provide this financial commitment at this time

9 While students and families across New York face increasing tuition costs and college debt, some legislators have proposed the DREAM Act – a taxpayer-funded tuition assistance program for illegal immigrants. How do you feel about the DREAM Act?

- Support
- Oppose

10 New York is building new casinos as a job-creating tool and currently funds its schools using Lottery sales. What do you think of Attorney General Eric Schneiderman’s decision to ban online daily fantasy sports games from New York State?

- Support
- Oppose

11 What issue do you feel is not being addressed by officials in Albany?

12 If given the choice, how would you like to receive updates from Assembly Minority Leader Brian M. Kolb?

- Mail
- Email
- Both

13 Please provide your email address to receive updates from Assembly Minority Leader Brian M. Kolb:

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**Brian M.
KOLB**

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This security panel is here to protect your name and information.

To reply, fold this panel out, add postage and secure with tape or use an envelope.

Alternatively, you may take the survey online.

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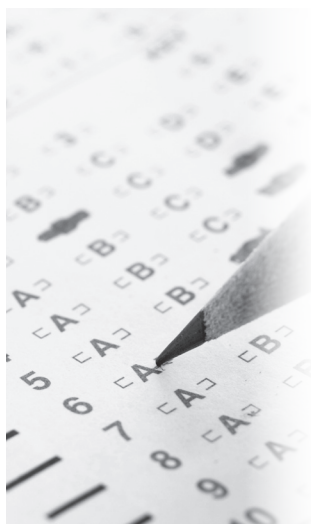
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Your Voice Matters!

A brief legislative survey



Make your voice heard!

**Complete this survey and connect with
Brian Kolb to discuss the latest news about
your state government!**