

LOOKING AHEAD

New Yorkers deserve policies that make life more affordable, strengthen communities and create long-term stability for families.

Assemblyman Norber remains focused on:

Responsible Budgeting

Promoting budgeting practices that prioritize essential services, improve long-term fiscal sustainability and focus taxpayer dollars on core priorities.

Lower Costs

Exercising fiscal restraint during economically difficult times.

Reliable Energy

Advocating for diverse sources of energy (nuclear, natural gas) to strengthen grid stability and help control long-term utility costs.

Greater Accountability

Supporting stronger audits to ensure taxpayer dollars are spent responsibly.

Stronger Communities

Supporting community programs including child care, senior services, veterans resources and youth opportunities.

"I will continue fighting for practical solutions that improve affordability, strengthen accountability and help build a stronger future for New York families."



I want to hear what you think about how I can best serve you in the state Assembly.

If you have comments, questions or concerns on this or any state issue, please don't hesitate to visit my office or call 516-482-6966.

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Cost Of Living Remains A Challenge

The New York state budget expanded spending while increasing funding for programs, including school aid and child care assistance¹. At the same time, many New Yorkers continue to experience financial pressure from rising grocery costs², housing expenses³ and insurance rates⁴. For many households, balancing a family budget continues to feel harder than ever.

LOOKING AHEAD: Improving Affordability

Ideas I'm fighting for to improve affordability include:

- ➔ Making it easier for businesses to grow by cutting unnecessary regulations.⁵
- ➔ Retaining employers, strengthen local economies and protecting tax revenue that supports essential services.¹⁷
- ➔ Improving government efficiency and accountability in spending decisions.¹⁸
- ➔ Cutting consumer taxes on everyday items.⁶

Immigration, Services & Community Impact

The enacted budget continued funding for immigration-related programs, including the Office for New Americans and immigrant support services. It also included \$64.2 million for immigration legal services and legal defense programs for individuals facing immigration proceedings and potential deportation.¹⁶

LOOKING AHEAD: Stronger Accountability

Ideas I'm fighting for include:

- ➔ Greater accountability and transparency in the use of state and federal funds for humanitarian aid programs.¹³
- ➔ Improved service coordination between local governments.¹⁴
- ➔ Policies that strengthen public safety by restoring judicial discretion in the bail process.¹⁵

Energy Costs & Long-Term Affordability

The budget included a one-time utility rebate program for ratepayers and delayed implementation of certain energy-related mandates, including the electric school bus transition⁵.

LOOKING AHEAD: Energy Solutions

Initiatives that could improve affordability and reliability include:

- ➔ Legislation that adjusts state energy mandate requirements to provide greater flexibility and implementation options for local communities outside New York City.⁸
- ➔ Allowing municipalities to opt out of renewable energy mandates to stabilize long-term costs.⁷

Government Spending & Fiscal Responsibility

This year’s budget increased state spending by more than \$18 billion from last year, bringing total spending to \$277 billion¹

Many New Yorkers believe important investments should continue while also asking whether long-term spending growth is sustainable and whether future taxpayers may face additional financial burdens. Families often make difficult budgeting decisions and expect government to plan responsibly.

LOOKING AHEAD: Better Budgeting

Ideas I’m advocating for to strengthen accountability include:

- ➔ Limiting state spending growth and strengthening fiscal oversight of the state budget.⁹
- ➔ Strengthening oversight of Medicaid spending through improved accountability and audit requirements.¹⁰
- ➔ Better oversight of taxpayer dollars through audits of state agency expenditures.¹¹
- ➔ Requiring each section of the budget bills to clearly reference an appropriation to ensure budget negotiations are focused on fiscal issues.¹²

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This year, New York enacted a \$277 billion state budget¹, the largest in state history, increasing spending by approximately \$100 billion since 2020.



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The budget includes investments in education, child care, energy assistance and other statewide programs. Yet many families continue to ask an important question: **If state spending continues to grow, why are so many families still struggling to afford everyday life?**

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