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Dear Neighbors,

As your representative in Albany, I want to do the best job possible to move your ideas and priorities forward. I appreciate hearing your thoughts and comments on the important issues facing the State Legislature. Please take a moment to complete and return the survey below so I know your position on these issues.

Thank you!

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Assemblyman

2014 LEGISLATIVE SURVEY

Your Top Priorities.

Please list your top three priorities for New York State government, and your thoughts and recommendations. Please feel free to attach an additional statement with more details.

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

1. Budget Priorities.

Please tell me your recommendations on whether the funding for the following should be increased, decreased, or left about the same:

Overall taxes and spending: increase decrease keep the same

State aid for local schools: increase decrease keep the same

Education funding for colleges: increase decrease keep the same

Youth Employment programs: increase decrease keep the same

Chautauqua Lake: increase decrease keep the same

Road and bridge funding: increase decrease keep the same

Law enforcement: increase decrease keep the same

Economic development programs: increase decrease keep the same

Senior Programs: increase decrease keep the same

Agricultural Programs: increase decrease keep the same

Other: _____

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Would you vote to increase the sales tax rate in Chautauqua County to 8%? yes no

Would you vote to increase State taxes to provide additional State aid for local schools? yes no

2. Job Priorities.

Please tell me your recommendations whether the following should be increased, decreased, or left about the same:

Business tax incentives: increase decrease keep the same

Taxes on small businesses: increase decrease keep the same

Taxes on higher-earning management: increase decrease keep the same

Environmental regulations: increase decrease keep the same

Worker compensation benefits: increase decrease keep the same

Unemployment benefits: increase decrease keep the same

Health insurance benefits: increase decrease keep the same

Other: _____

Would you vote to allow small businesses to offer a very basic health insurance policy to reduce health insurance costs? yes no

Would you vote to allow wine to be sold in grocery stores? yes no

Would you vote to eliminate business incentive programs and use the savings to cut taxes for all businesses? yes no

What are your ideas and suggestions to improve the business environment in New York to create more jobs? Please feel free to attach an additional statement with details.

3. Education.

**New York spends more on education than most other states, reflecting its high priority.
What are your views of the following issues?**

Would you vote to allow two or more school boards to create a regional high school to reduce costs and increase class offerings? yes no

Would you vote to allow school boards to include teacher performance as a factor in layoff decisions rather than solely based on seniority? yes no

Would you vote to change the current teacher tenure system? yes no

Would you vote to delay or suspend the Common Core tests for students to give teachers and students more time to adapt to the new standards? yes no

What are your ideas and suggestions to improve the quality of education in New York? Please feel free to attach an additional statement with more details.



4. Environmental.

Our challenge is to balance our obligations to the environment with the effect on the cost of living and the cost of doing business in New York State. What are your views on the following issues?

Would you vote to allow hydrofracking in accordance with strict environmental regulations? yes no

Would you vote to make all by-products from natural gas wells, including routine salt water produced from a gas well, a hazardous waste? yes no

Would you vote to allow low emission outdoor wood boilers to be used closer than 100 feet from a property line (a 100' setback currently applies)? yes no

Would you vote to require utility companies to purchase more of their power from solar or wind energy sources regardless of price? yes no

Would you vote to prohibit the use of any land within 100 feet of a wetland for housing, farming, or economic development? yes no

What are your ideas and suggestions to improve the environment in New York?

Please feel free to attach an additional statement with more details.

5. Welfare Reform.

We need to be compassionate to those who need our help, but we do not want to enable generations of people to stay on welfare forever. New York currently has some of the highest welfare benefits in the nation, which increases State and local taxes. What are your views on the following issues?

Would you vote to reduce a person's welfare benefits to the national average after they have been on welfare for five years? yes no

Would you vote to increase the penalty for welfare recipients who refuse to participate in work activities or job training? yes no

Would you vote to require teenagers to be actively attending school or GED high school equivalency classes as a condition to receiving welfare? yes no

Would you vote to limit food stamps to healthy food and prohibit food stamps from being used for snacks, soft drinks, or junk food? yes no

Would you vote to include all the income of both parents in calculating welfare eligibility, regardless of their marital status? yes no

What are your ideas and suggestions to improve the welfare programs in New York?

Please feel free to attach an additional statement with more details.

6. Other Issues.

There are a number of other controversial proposals that will likely be considered by the Assembly this year. Please share your thoughts on the following issues:

Would you vote to allow later term abortions to be performed until the fetus can survive on its own outside the womb? yes no

Would you vote to provide taxpayer funding for political campaigns? yes no

Would you vote to legalize medical marijuana even though it is illegal under federal law? yes no

Would you vote to require binding arbitration awards to consider the ability of the municipality to pay for the new contract without raising tax rates? yes no

Other Ideas. Please give me your other ideas, recommendations and advice on how I can best represent you in Albany:
