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Every day, I hear from families across Long Island and New York State who are struggling with the rising costs of housing<sup>1</sup>, child care<sup>2</sup>, taxes<sup>3</sup> and the basic necessities of life.<sup>4</sup> I am in Albany fighting to ease that burden and make life more affordable, because no family should have to choose between putting food on the table and keeping a roof over their heads.

1. <https://www.babylonbeacon.com/articles/personal-stories-of-i-i-s-housing-crisis>

2. <https://longislandfed.org/news-0/comptroller-child-care-deserts-family-strain-long>

3. <https://nypost.com/2025/05/09/us-news/long-island-schools-score-270m-state-aid-boost-but-homeowners-still-drowning-in-some-of-highest-property-taxes-in-us>

4. <https://theytrust.org/news/nonprofits-step-up-as-inflation-creates-dire-need>

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## PROPOSALS I SUPPORT:

### ⇒ **Relief for Families**

- Cut Consumer Taxes: Eliminate sales tax on dozens of everyday items for two years, including (but not limited to) gasoline, personal care products, housekeeping supplies, and prepared foods ([A.7417](#))
- Expand The Star Program: Allow more senior citizens to qualify for enhanced property tax relief under New York's STAR program ([A.02383](#))
- Increase The Child Tax Credit: Raise the available portion of New York's Child Tax Credit to help families keep more of their hard-earned money ([A.02492](#))
- No Tax On Tips: Establish an income tax deduction for cash tips received, which are considered wages or compensation ([A.5856](#))

### ⇒ **Rein In Energy Costs**

- Require legislative approval before public utility authorities can raise rates, which will protect families from unexpected spikes in energy or water bills ([A.02291](#))
- Supporting an all-of-the-above energy approach to keep power reliable and affordable ([A.653](#))

