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**Legislative Update  
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**Since Chris Friend became our assemblyman, he voted against \$33.5 billion worth of taxes.**

**In just the past two years, Chris Friend has been:**

- ▲ Fighting for small businesses and our main streets
- ▲ Working to protect our children and communities
- ▲ Honoring our hometown heroes

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## Help Small Businesses

- ▲ Grace period for small businesses to correct regulation violations (A.7540-B) and require the state to be more realistic about implementation time of new regulations (A.842)
- ▲ Energy assistance program to help small businesses lower energy costs through conservation, efficiency, and use of renewable resources (A.10483)
- ▲ Small business tax credit for employing persons with disabilities (A.7475)
- ▲ Advisory panel to promote growth of employee-owned enterprises in NYS (A.8089)

## Protect Consumers

- ▲ Ban telemarketer sales calls during states of emergency or disaster emergencies (A.117-A)
- ▲ Drug and alcohol testing for drivers of limos and other vehicles of nine or more passengers (A.712-A)

## Advance Public Health

- ▲ Quarterly reports on state heroin and opioid epidemic prevention initiatives (A.1068)
- ▲ Protect patient privacy by prohibiting EMS providers from selling patient health information (A.230)
- ▲ Ensure that residents in adult care facilities have a right to be informed of their condition, treatment, and medication (A.1084)

## Promote Safety of Our Children

- ▲ School bus safety awareness in driver's education (A.605-A)
- ▲ Prohibit leaving children under 10 years old alone in cars where a risk is present (A.1851)
- ▲ Ensure emergency safety policies and procedures of school transportation are in-line with that of school buildings (A.7538-A)

## Honor Our Heroes

- ▲ Observe September 11th, Remembrance Day, with a moment of silence in schools (A.1801-B)
- ▲ Tax exemption for injured members of the armed forces to improve and refit their homes, increase mobility (A.7289)
- ▲ Examine veteran health issues, including studying PTSD, traumatic brain injuries (A.1804), and reduce stigma surrounding mental health (A.2758-A)
- ▲ Connecting military sexual trauma victims with needed services (A.2459-A)
- ▲ Provide a death benefit for public employees working on the frontline against COVID-19 (A.10528)
- ▲ Expand cancer disability benefits to those who have been retired five years or less and diagnosed with cancers related to firefighting (A.7716-A)



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