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2023 Constituent Survey Results

I am pleased to provide the results of the survey my office mailed out in January to every household in the 129th Assembly District to hear directly from constituents regarding proposed legislation and initiatives this year. Below are the tabulated responses from the 1,062 surveys received, representing about a 6% return. The results are also tabulated to reflect the overall responses received from constituents residing in the City of Syracuse, the Town of Geddes and the Town of Van Buren. The percentages may not add up to 100% because some respondents did not answer every question. For those who took the time to return your survey – Thank you. As always, if you have any questions or concerns about this or any other issue, please call my office.

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1. The Governor proposed a system of universal child care for infants through 3-year-olds making high-quality child care and early education either free or affordable to everyone. The program would cost about \$3 billion, but would allow people to work and be confident their children have reliable care. Would you support funding universal child care in New York State?
Yes 58% No 39%
2. Would you support a carbon tax on businesses that generate greenhouse gases to fund renewable energy projects across the state?
Yes 55% No 43%
3. The proposed “Elder Parole” bill would grant the opportunity for parole to all incarcerated persons who reach age 55 and served at least 15 years of their sentence regardless of their original crime or length of sentence. It does not mandate that parole be granted. Do you support the “Elder Parole” bill?
Yes 26% No 71%
4. During the COVID-19 pandemic, a federal policy ensured every student in the nation had access to free school meals – however, this program ended and 726,000 students across New York lost access to free school meals. The estimated cost of providing all students statewide free meals (breakfast and lunch), regardless of income level would be around \$200 million. Do you support this program?
Yes 57% No 41%
5. Do you believe that minimum wage should be adjusted to keep pace with inflation?
Yes 70% No 28%
6. Group homes, long-term care facilities, and nursing homes are struggling to find and keep staff, many of whom are paid for by Medicaid. Medicaid rates have not increased in New York State in 12 years. Should New York raise Medicaid rates?
Yes 72% No 23%
7. The NY Climate Action Council recommends banning the sale of new fossil fuel powered home heating systems beginning in 2030 and requiring new replacement systems be “carbon-free.” Do you support this proposal?
Yes 37% No 60%
If no, what year should this mandate go into place? 2040 2050 Never
2040 13%
2050 7%
Never 40%
8. “Complete Streets” are features in road design/construction that make travel easier/safer for bikes and pedestrians and work to slowdown traffic. Should municipalities be mandated to adopt “Complete Streets” features in all roadway projects, including repaving or maintenance?
Yes 47% No 47%