

# THE PROGRESSIVE NEW YORK STATE AGENDA

## We the People

of New York have elected a true blue state government. For the first time since 2010, Democrats now control the Assembly, Senate and Governorship. In 2019 we have the potential to pass progressive legislation that has been stuck in limbo due to a Republican-controlled Senate. New York has the power to strengthen women's reproductive rights, establish a universal health care system, reform voting rights, fix our broken criminal justice system and pass immigration rights. 2019 is a year for progressive empowerment to grow our communities. Please take the time to understand the issues progressive groups are mobilizing for and help advocate for a New York we can be proud of.

### WOMEN'S REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

By passing the Reproductive Health Act and Comprehensive Contraception Coverage Act, New York would finally decriminalize abortion, protecting a women's rights regarding potential challenges to *Roe v. Wade* at Federal Level. If we pass the RHA in 2019, New York State will treat abortion as healthcare, not a criminal act. Abortion would be regulated under public health law, not on the criminal code. For more information visit [www.rhavote.com](http://www.rhavote.com).

### VOTER EMPOWERMENT

Democracy only works if everyone can vote. In the 2018 election, we saw long lines at polling stations and voters were purged from New York's voter rolls. We need laws to provide additional protections for voters. We are the only state without no party primaries. By consolidating the primary elections, we can save millions of dollars every two years. Steps toward reform include early voting, voter registration, flexibility to change parties, and storing ballots for people on parole. To ensure everyone has the opportunity to vote, we can continue to work toward fair redistricting and fair redistricting to ensure every New Yorker's vote is heard. Join the fight for fair elections on February 12th at the Albany Statehouse. Visit [www.fairelectionsny.org](http://www.fairelectionsny.org) for a day of action.

### FULLY FUNDED EDUCATION

To date, Governor Cuomo has refused to address the inequality in public education, resulting in New York having the second highest funding inequality between wealthy and poor school districts in the nation. It is time for our elected state senators and assembly members to hold him accountable to ensure all schools are fully funded. Ending the persistently shorted Syracuse City School District. We need to provide equal opportunity to all children and stop the school-to-prison pipeline. Visit [www.aqeny.org](http://www.aqeny.org) to join the fight for education.

### CLIMATE JUSTICE

Scientists have concluded that climate change is impacting us now. New York needs to take action in 2019 to ensure New York's land, water and air are clean for us and the next generation. We need the Governor to commit to 100% renewable energy usage, pass the Climate and Community Protection Act in tandem with stopping all new development of fossil fuel infrastructure and holding polluters accountable will create new markets and invigorate tourism. [www.allianceforclimateaction.org](http://www.allianceforclimateaction.org).

### CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

Twenty-five thousand New Yorkers are held in county jails many before trial. In 2019 we need to end cash bail and provide transparent, prompt trials to all individuals. We need to call our representatives to support the Less Is More: Community Supervision Revolution, which will reduce jail populations, support people's reentry process, and promote safety and justice for families and communities. Join Unchained and the LessIsMore campaign to get this bill passed!

### GUN SAFETY

New Yorkers need strong gun safety laws to ensure our places of education, worship and business are safe for all of us. Outlawing weapons assembled from 3D printers and parts obtained online, enforcing a waiting period and passing Red Flag laws to enable New Yorkers to exercise their Second Amendment rights while providing safety to our communities. Visit [www.momsdemandaction.org](http://www.momsdemandaction.org)

### UNIVERSAL HEALTHCARE

Healthcare should and can be a universal right. The New York Health Act would establish universal coverage with a single-payer health insurance. Passing the NYHA will take the first steps to providing every New Yorker with access to healthcare with no co-pays or deductibles. 89% of New Yorkers can reduce their health care costs, and we can provide access to the over one million New Yorkers who are uninsured. Visit [www.nyhcampaign.org](http://www.nyhcampaign.org) to sign their petition, canvass and to share your health story.

### IMMIGRATION RIGHTS & PROTECTION

In New York, one in five people are immigrants. To ensure that everyone in our communities is protected from tyranny we need to stop discriminatory policies. We need to ensure our justice system works for all by taking legal action to stop ICE. The Liberty and Justice Act needs to be passed to make New York a true sanctuary state prohibiting state and local agencies from passing New Yorkers to ICE agents. The Dream and Green Light bills need to be passed to allow access to higher education and driver's licenses for undocumented immigrants. Involvement in our communities. To learn more about immigrant rights visit [www.workerscny.org](http://www.workerscny.org) or [www.nyic.org](http://www.nyic.org) for more information.

### ENDING CORRUPTION

The power of government should be harnessed to all New Yorkers, not used or controlled by corporations with money. Empower the Attorney General to investigate public corruption at all levels. End "Pay-to-Play" donations and political appointees. New York needs reform including greater transparency of outside income, closing the LLC loopholes, and enacting a fully publicly financed state election.

### AWAKENING DEMOCRACY

The New York State Legislative Session runs from January through June. Over this period there are 60 days when the assembly and senate are in session. In 2019 we turned NY Blue; 2019 calls for continued action to ensure our elected state representatives pass progressive legislation. Your state representatives need to hear from you as much as possible. Call their offices, schedule appointments with them and their staff, write letters to the editor of your local papers on bills and issues you want to see passed and why they benefit you, your community and all New Yorkers.

### How a Bill Becomes a Law



Elected Official has a new policy idea or share your ideas with them.



The idea is drafted into a bill.



Bill undergoes committee process.



Senate and Assembly pass bill.



Bill is signed by Governor.



### Your Role



Find your state representatives at:

SENATOR  
<https://www.nysenate.gov/find-my-senator>

ASSEMBLY MEMBER  
<https://www.nyassembly.gov/mem/search/>

Call your representatives and schedule meetings to advocate for the bills and issues you support.

Example: Hi, I'm calling to voice my support the NY Health Act because I believe health care is a human right. My zip code is \_\_\_\_\_ . Thank you!

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