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ROBACH & SENATE REPUBLICANS UNVEIL COMPREHENSIVE JOBS PLAN DESIGNED TO “RE-OPEN NEW YORK FOR BUSINESS”

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Senator Robach today joined his Senate Republican colleagues to release a set of common-sense solutions to help fix the ailing state business climate so that more hardworking families can live, work, and thrive in New York. Due to their failure to lead on job creation and their outright rejection of the Amazon HQ2 project, Senate Democrats cost New Yorkers

25,000 new jobs and \$27.5 billion in new revenue.

The measures proposed by Senate Republicans would help reinvigorate the state economy and establish countless job opportunities for middle-class workers from Brentwood to Buffalo, and begin to undo some of the damage Senate Democrats have done by stopping the Amazon HQ2 project.

"Our state lost 25,000 to 40,000 good paying jobs when Senate Democrats interfered with the Amazon HQ2 project, driving it out of New York. We need to be creating jobs, not killing them. The economy and jobs keep people in New York and raise all boats, I hope my colleagues from across the aisle learn that sooner than later," said Robach.

Under this comprehensive jobs plan, Senate Republicans will be:

- Fighting for Meaningful Tax Cuts for Small Businesses, including a \$495 million income tax exemption for Small Businesses & Farmers, as well as a STAR program for Small Businesses, achieving another \$275 million in savings;
- Fighting to Cut Burdensome Energy Taxes, including elimination of the 18-A Regulatory Assessment, and building upon the successful elimination of the Senate Democrats' 18-A surcharge;
- Making the Property Tax Cap Permanent, currently a temporary measure which has saved taxpayers \$37 billion since its inception, but was brought to the floor for passage this year by Senate Democrats without a three-way agreement in place for the final budget;
- Opposing any new taxes to balance the budget, including the Governor's plan to impose new taxes on internet purchases and prescription drugs, among other fees in the Executive Budget proposal;

- Calling upon the Governor and Legislature to enact comprehensive regulatory reform for small businesses across the state this year; and
- Pushing for much-needed needed reform of the Public Authorities Control Board, so one person can never again misuse their vote to impede job growth and progress for New York. Just yesterday, Democrats unanimously rejected a sensible Republican amendment that would have prevented any conference or individual from blocking a project like Amazon HQ2 for political reasons.