

Statements From Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins and Senator-Elect Michelle Hinchey On Michelle's Election Victory

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Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins said, "I'm proud to welcome Senator-Elect Michelle Hinchey to the New York State Senate and I congratulate her on an impressive victory in a difficult district. Michelle joins a large and growing group of freshmen Senators sent to the Democratic Majority by upstate voters. I know Michelle will be a strong voice for our environment, our farmers, and our working families. Michelle worked tirelessly to flip the 46th District, and built an impressive coalition to secure this victory."

**Senator-Elect Michelle Hinchey** said, "Our world has changed immensely since we started our campaign, but that didn't stop voters from coming out in droves to make their voices for change heard. I decided to run for office to help make our Upstate communities stronger for the future, and I am tremendously thankful for everyone in the 46th District who heard our message and put their faith in me to be a strong Upstate voice in Albany. I could not be more excited or humbled to have the opportunity to represent them in the State Senate.

We are facing some difficult times, but I've always believed that great challenges lead to even greater opportunities, and that's how, by working together, we will build a better tomorrow for all of us living in the Hudson Valley, Capital Region, and Mohawk Valley.

I'd like to thank my family for their unending support, and our incredible staff and volunteers who went up against the odds to help us build an unbelievable campaign; one, I believe, we should all be really proud of. This victory belongs to all of us! And I look forward to getting to work for the people of the 46th District. Thank you."