

SENATOR SERINO'S
2021 LEGISLATIVE QUESTIONNAIRE

LEGALIZING RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA

With the State facing a \$15 billion budget deficit, supporters of the legalization of recreational marijuana have projected that it will generate over \$300 million in revenue annually, while opponents argue that it may present a danger to public health and safety.

Do you support or oppose the legalization of adult-use recreational marijuana?

Support: 1,309

Oppose: 1,028

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MOBILE SPORTS BETTING

Officials are predicting that New York State could generate \$500 million annually if mobile sports betting is passed and operated by the State. Supporters argue that the State is losing revenue due to the increase in people traveling to neighboring states where sports betting is legal, while opponents argue against an increase in gambling opportunities in the state.

Do you support or oppose the legalization of mobile sports betting in New York?

Support: 1,529

Oppose: 808

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DMV FEES

With New York State facing the largest budget deficit in its history, the Governor's Budget proposal includes a plan to implement a \$1 fee on online DMV transactions to help fill the state's budget hole, which would exist for a period of five years. According to the proposal, the fee's goal is to boost and increase the number of services the DMV is able to offer residents online and improve the online DMV experience.

Do you support or oppose the implementation of this fee?

Support: 1,169

Oppose: 1,168

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BUDGET ASSISTANCE

The COVID-19 pandemic has forced many small businesses to close their doors in an effort to limit the spread of the virus and protect public health.

Do you support or oppose proposals that would provide financial support to struggling small businesses in this year's budget?

Support: 2,074

Oppose: 263

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LYME AND TICK-BORNE DISEASES

Despite new data from the CDC announcing that each year almost 500,000 Americans are diagnosed and treated for Lyme disease, the state has allocated zero dollars in funding for research or prevention initiatives in this year's proposed budget.

Do you support or oppose adding funding to combat Lyme and tick-borne diseases in the state's budget?

Support: 1,828

Oppose: 509

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MIDDLE CLASS TAX CUT

In an effort to balance New York State's budget, a proposal has been included to postpone the implementation of a \$400 million middle class tax cut that Senator Serino and her colleagues fought to implement in 2016 and continue to phase-in each year since. The proposed tax cut had been projected to provide relief to 6 million New Yorkers and thousands of small businesses.

Do you support or oppose efforts to postpone the middle-class tax cut?

Support: 908

Oppose: 1,429

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MEDICAL AID IN DYING

Do you support or oppose Medical Aid in Dying legislation, which would allow terminally ill patients to make the choice to end their own life?

Support: 1,721
Oppose: 616

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**To fill its unprecedented
budget gap, do you
believe New York
should cut spending or
raise taxes?**

Cut Spending: 1,705
Raise Taxes: 260
Other: 372

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In his State of the State Address, Governor Cuomo put significant emphasis on the need for the state to look toward reopening.

Do you support or oppose reopening New York businesses?

- **Support an incremental reopening: 1,116**
- **Support a full reopening and end to pandemic shutdowns: 1,116**
- **Do not support any reopening at this time: 105**

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This year, the Legislature is expected to consider many proposals to meet the pressing challenges facing our state.

Please select from the following issues the ones most important to you and your family:

- **Reducing costs on hard working families:** 1,424
- **Cutting wasteful spending:** 1,931
- **Creating more jobs:** 1,290
- **Delivering tax relief:** 1,420
- **Increasing school aid:** 694
- **Improving health care:** 998
- **Making college more affordable:** 650

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**During the pandemic,
have you experienced one
or more of the following
hardships?**

- **Unemployment:** 388
- **Inability to Pay Rent:** 48
- **Inability to Pay Mortgage:** 81
- **Inability to Pay Utilities:** 105
- **Inability to afford childcare:** 51
- **Other:** 693