



# **Senator Patty Ritchie**

Working For Us

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- ✓ **Reduce unfunded mandates.**
  - Passed legislation that saves local governments immediately
  - Promises more savings in the future through a new council that will repeal other onerous mandates that cost taxpayers and help drive property tax rates
  - I have created a mandate relief working group comprised of leaders from Central and Northern New York to identify Albany-imposed wasteful rules that add to local taxpayers' costs.



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- I'm working to relax regulations on community events, such as chili cook-offs and summer recreation programs.

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- Restored \$3.5 million in the State Budget this year to fund key agricultural programs, particularly those that impact farmers in central and northern NY.

# Why I Do This

**Our Gold Star Mom**



**Schoharie County Flood Relief**



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- We must lower the cost of operating small businesses, which is often the backbone of our community.
- We must eliminate unfunded mandates on our local governments so that they can become more efficient and reduce costs.
- The Governor has launched 10 Councils to help transform our economy by taking a "bottoms up" approach to job creation.
- Hosting Job fairs across the district to help get our neighbors back to work



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