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Senator Daphne Jordan advances a common-sense amendment to the State Budget to establish \$1,000 “Family Freedom Inflation Relief Checks” to help NY families being hurt by inflation

ALBANY, NY – New York State Senator Daphne Jordan (R,C,I-Halfmoon) tonight advanced a common-sense amendment to the State Budget that would provide \$1,000 “Family Freedom Inflation Relief Checks” to help hard-working families financially hurting from rising inflation coupled with New York’s already crushing cost of living.

The amendment, advanced by Senator Jordan on behalf of the Senate Republican Conference during tonight’s Senate Session, was offered to Article VII, Senate Bill S.8009-C, the State Revenue Bill, one of the 10 bills comprising the 2022-23 State Budget. The proposed amendment was relevant to the Revenue Bill as it amended State Tax Law and would have provided much-needed relief for hardworking parents across the State.

The amendment would provide \$1,000 in direct relief to assist qualifying families in coping with the high cost of childcare, paying for their child’s education, or providing caregiver support to help families with elderly or disabled family members. Specifically, the amendment would have amended Section 606 of the State Tax Law to provide an individual taxpayer who meets the eligibility standards the \$1,000 payment.

“Our common-sense amendment that I advanced this evening would have established ‘Family Freedom Inflation Relief Checks’ to help provide financial relief to hardworking parents who are hurting from inflation that’s at a 40-year high and further driving up our state’s crushing cost of living,” **Senator Jordan said.**

“The relief provided by our Family Freedom Inflation Relief Checks would have been especially helpful at the very time when runaway inflation is making it much harder for families to make ends meet and so many of our fellow New Yorkers are struggling financially and genuinely need a helping hand. The prices of nearly everything has skyrocketed – from gasoline to groceries – as well as on other basic necessities that families depend upon,” **Senator Jordan stated.**

“As a Mom, I respectfully asked my colleagues on the other side of the aisle to understand the growing financial pain and economic uncertainty that families from Halfmoon to Hamburg are enduring. The long, sleepless nights where parents worry about whether they can afford to pay

their bills, buy gasoline so they can drive to work, or purchase groceries to feed their family. I asked them to join us in standing up for New York's hardworking families and make our Family Freedom Inflation Relief Checks a reality by supporting our common-sense amendment. Unfortunately, my colleagues on the other side of the aisle didn't support what should have been a bipartisan effort," **Senator Jordan concluded.**

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