



SENATOR MICHELLE HINCHEY

46th SENATE DISTRICT

Greene and Montgomery counties, and parts of Albany, Schenectady, and Ulster counties.

Senator Michelle Hinchey, a strong union advocate and champion on energy, environmental protection, and economic development, was elected to the New York State Senate in 2020, making history as the youngest woman to represent an upstate district in the Democratic Majority Conference.

Born and raised in Saugerties, Hinchey brings to the State Senate a much-needed perspective on the unique challenges facing our Upstate communities, and is deeply committed to improving the lives of all who call the 46th Senate District home. Senator Hinchey represents all of Greene and Montgomery counties and parts of Ulster, Schenectady, and Albany counties, which make up one of the most rural districts in the Democratic Conference with over 1,000 farms that play a vital role in feeding us, preserving our environment, and sustaining our rural economies. Senator Hinchey serves as Chair of the Senate Agriculture Committee.

Hinchey, who comes from a proud union family, graduated in 2009 from the Industrial and Labor Relations School at Cornell University where she studied the history of the American labor movement and the importance of collective action in establishing an equitable labor market and economy.

Hinchey herself is a communications veteran of ten years, having worked her way up as an executive in the technology and media fields, managing mission-driven teams, building diverse coalitions, and serving as a central connector across corporate departments. Earlier in her career, Hinchey worked as a grassroots organizer for Environment New York where she successfully campaigned to end the dangerous practice of fracking for the extraction of natural gas in New York. While working in the private sector, Hinchey continued her environmental advocacy as a member of the Board of Directors of the Catskill Center for Conservation and Development.

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Senator Hinchey credits her love of public service and community-based activism to her father, the late Hudson Valley Congressman Maurice Hinchey, widely regarded as a champion for working people and the environment, who instilled in Hinchey that there's no higher calling than public service, giving back to your community, and standing up to fight for what's right.

Senator Hinchey serves as Chair of the Agriculture Committee and sits on the Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, Commerce, Economic Development and Small Business, Energy and Telecommunications, Environmental Conservation, and Local Government committees.