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Legislative Agenda

New York State & Federal Priorities

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About CenterState CEO

CenterState CEO is an independent nonprofit committed to creating inclusive, equitable and sustainable economic growth in Central New York. Its team of experts helps members, clients and businesses of all sizes start, scale, recruit and relocate. CenterState CEO works as a problem solver alongside partners in public, private, and nonprofit sectors to find collaborative and innovative solutions to advance the region and its people.

Mission

CenterState CEO is Central New York’s premier business leadership and economic development organization, committed to creating a region where business thrives, and all people prosper.

Vision

To be recognized as a visionary leader, effective advocate, exceptional employer and a force for positive outcomes for our community.

Values

Collaboration. Integrity. Inclusion. Agility. Accountability.

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INTRODUCTION

On behalf of our members across a twelve-county region, CenterState CEO's 2025 Legislative Agenda presents our organization's economic development policy and legislative priorities. These proposals are developed through input from our Government Relations committee, our member businesses, key constituencies and staff. They also reflect **our core mission to work continuously work to build a region where business thrives and all people prosper.**

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STRATEGIC ISSUE AREAS

In 2025, CenterState CEO members and staff have identified **35** key issues for our legislative agenda across **five strategic areas** of focus that align with the organization's work on behalf our members and our region.

- » **Business Competitiveness**
 - » **Community Prosperity**
 - » **Equity**
 - » **Sustainability**
 - » **Talent Excellence**
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THE TOP 5

Leading New York State and federal issues identified by CenterState CEO's Government Relations Committee and staff.

Angel Investment Tax Credit

CenterState CEO **supports** expansion of New York's Angel Investment Tax Credit to help the state capitalize on the surge in business formations seen since the pandemic. In 2021, New York saw more than 336,000 new businesses formed in sectors that were considered to have a high job formation potential. A more robust credit, consistent with several other states, would help many of these businesses attract early-stage investment and drive new economic growth.

The 21st Century Anti-Trust Act (S335/A2015)

CenterState CEO **opposes** legislation that would change New York's current anti-trust standard from "monopolistic behavior" to an "abuse of dominance" standard, removing consumer protection as the focus of the law and making the state an outlier from the rest of the United States. In addition, provisions in this bill would have a chilling effect on business start-up in high-growth tech sectors in New York.

CLCPA Implementation

CenterState CEO **advocates for** market-based solutions to achieve the goals of New York's Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act. In 2025, we will engage on associated issues, including: New York Cap & Invest (NYCI) implementation, opportunities for new clean energy generation and transmission, New York's advanced clean truck rule, and housing electrification.

Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit

Given the enormous positive impacts demonstrated from New York's expanded Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit, in Syracuse and communities across upstate, CenterState CEO **supports** extension of the credit and key enhancements. Beneficial enhancements include the proposed removal of the current AMI eligibility restriction and de-coupling the state and federal tax credits for purposes of syndication.

Stop Terror Financing & Penalties on Hostages Act (HR9495)

While this legislation contains two noble goals of suspending federal tax obligations for Americans held hostage and ensuring that American organizations are not supporting terrorism, CenterState CEO **opposes** this legislation due to concerns about a lack of safeguards for groups that may be out of political favor and inadequate due process for organizations that may be improperly classified.

ISSUES

» Business Competitiveness

21 st Century Anti-trust Act (S1279/A1328)	Oppose
ABC Law Modernization	Support
Angel Investment Tax Credit	Support
CATALIST-NY	Support
FAST-NY Enhancement	Support
Green Chips 2.0	Support
Manufacturers' Tax Parity	Support
POWER-UP Program	Support
Transportation Infrastructure Investments in CNY	Support
Unemployment Insurance Fund Surcharge Relief	Support

» Community Prosperity

Child Care Construction Fund - \$100M	Support
Child Care Training Programs	Support
Click to Cancel Act (S5615/A3928)	Support
Good Cause Eviction	Oppose
Historic Redevelopment Tax Credit extension and updates	Support
Housing Development Supports and Initiatives (Infrastructure, Affordable, Senior Housing, Mixed Development, TOD)	Support
Housing Opportunity Equity Fund	Support
Immigration – Visa Expansion	Support
Non-compete Agreements Ban	Engage
SEQRA Reform	Support
Stop Terror Financing and Taxes on Hostages Act (HR 9495)	Oppose

» Equity

MWBE 15-a Updates + Reauthorization (S6374/A5687)	Support
MWBE Reciprocity	Support

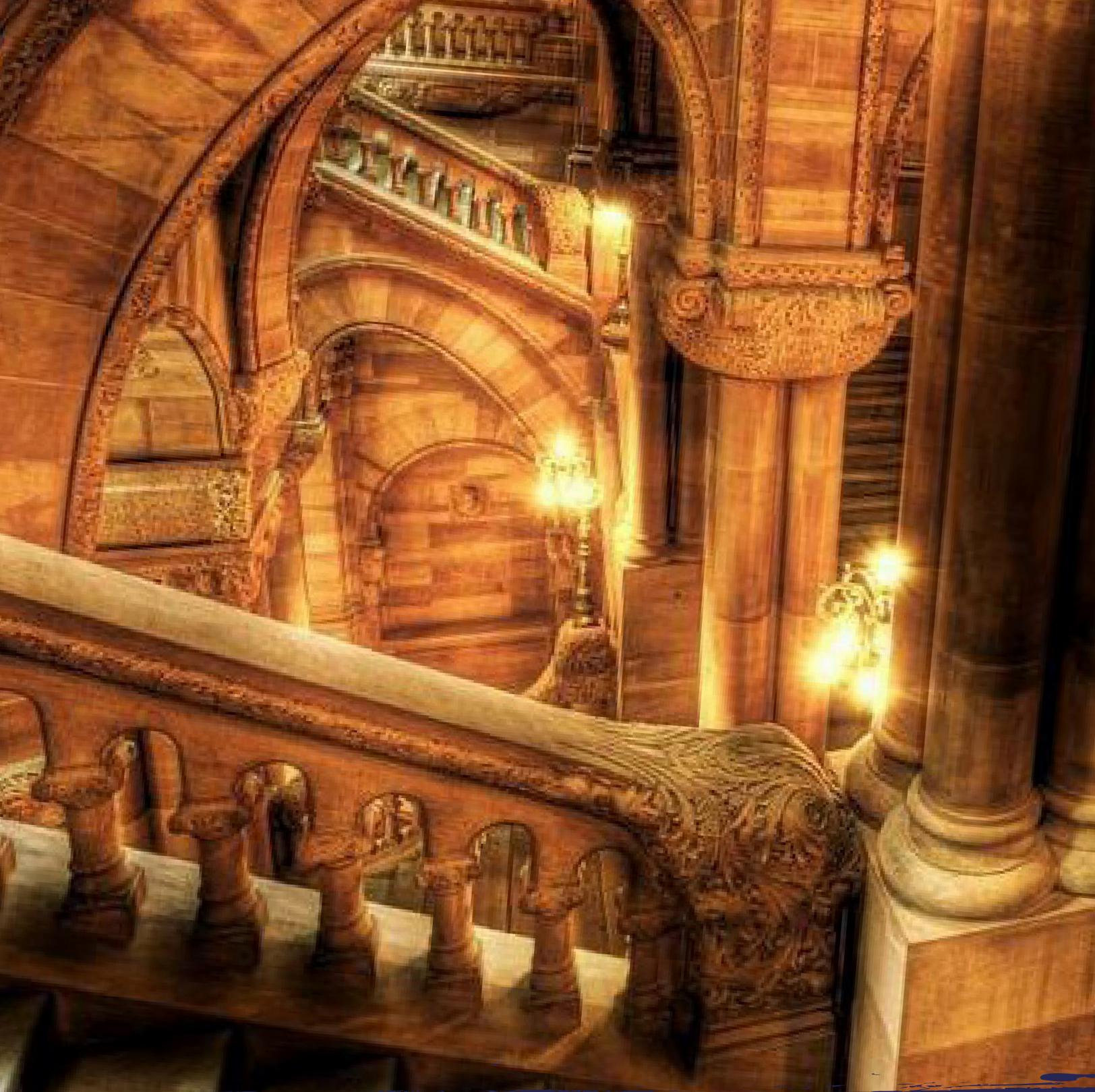
» Sustainability

Advanced Clean Truck Act Timeline Update (S5931/A6359)	Support
CLCPA Implementation – Cap & Invest (NYCI)	Engage
Electric Grid Reliability Initiatives	Support
Extended Producer Responsibility (S1464/A1749)	Engage
Housing Electrification Mandate	Engage
Nuclear Energy Retention + Expansion	Support
NYS PFAS Regulations (Intentional PFAS vs. Unintentional PFAS; Large Molecules vs. Small Molecules); Monitoring and Disclosure Levels	Engage

» Talent Excellence

Benefits Cliff Legislation (One-time Income Disregard – (S182/A4317), (Asset Caps – S246/A2500)	Support
Free Community College for High-demand Occupations	Support
Healthcare Training Programs – Increased Funding	Support
Micro-Credentials Funding	Support
Regional Workforce Initiatives – Coordination, Alignment and Scaling	Support





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