



## ***Blakeman Slams Hochul's Budget: "More Migrant Spending, More Giveaways, New York Gets More Unaffordable"***

Nassau County Executive and Republican candidate for Governor Bruce Blakeman today slammed Governor Kathy Hochul's FY 2027 budget, saying it doubles down on the policies that have made New York unaffordable by pouring billions into migrant services while leaving families, seniors, and hardworking New Yorkers with higher bills.

“New York is one of the most unaffordable states in America because Kathy Hochul chooses migrants over hardworking families and seniors. People can't afford rent, groceries, energy, or property taxes, and Hochul's answer is to spend billions on migrants and stick everyone else with the bill. That's why New York is unaffordable.”

Blakeman noted that Hochul's budget keeps \$4.3 billion flowing to migrant shelters, healthcare, and legal services with no cap and no end date, while Medicaid spending jumps roughly 11% as free healthcare for illegal migrants continues. Hochul refuses to disclose how much of that increase is driven by migrant healthcare, leaving taxpayers with a multi-billion-dollar bill.

“The migrant crisis isn't paid for in Albany; it's paid for at your kitchen table. Billions spent on migrant housing, healthcare, and legal services show up as higher taxes, higher insurance premiums, and higher utility bills for families who are already struggling. That money could be cutting taxes, helping parents afford child care, or strengthening our schools. Instead, Hochul is spending it on the migrant crisis and making New York even more unaffordable.”

“Just as concerning, this budget does nothing to help everyday New Yorkers pay their bills,” Blakeman said. “There’s no income tax relief, no property tax relief, no utility cost relief — nothing that helps families and seniors keep up with the rising cost of living.”

Hochul’s budget also hands out more Hollywood and Broadway tax breaks, and extends punishing business taxes that drive jobs out of New York — leaving fewer paychecks, fewer opportunities, and higher costs for the people who stay.

“After four years, Hochul still has no affordability plan,” Blakeman said. “Just more migrant spending, more giveaways, and higher bills for every family in this state. That ends when I’m elected Governor. Instead of pouring billions into migrant programs and giveaways, we’ll deliver real middle-class tax relief, lower the cost of living, and let New Yorkers keep more of their own money.”

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