

## **American Prudence plus American Dynamism Equals American Exceptionalism**

This is more than just a slogan; it's the fundamental equation for securing our nation's future, and it defines the comprehensive vision of this platform. As your representative, I believe that our cooperative actions must always be predicated on human empathy and the unwavering respect and commitment to preserving the dignity of the valued American worker. By applying reasonable, responsible governance and unleashing the innovative spirit of our citizenry—always with the well-being of every family at heart—we can ensure New York and America remain second to none.

This platform lays out a multi-faceted approach, presenting strategic proposals across key areas—from fiscal responsibility and economic competitiveness to healthcare reform and National strength—all designed to deliver tangible results. Each of these enumerated platforms is elaborated upon independently in its own comprehensive narrative providing deeper insights into the specific challenges and our detailed solutions. Every proposal is rooted in the principles of prudence and dynamism, guided by our commitment to our fellow citizens, working in concert to foster an environment where every American has the opportunity to thrive, and our nation's promise is renewed for generations to come perpetuating the bedrock principles of liberty and equality that have defined us since the Founding Fathers to guide our unpatrolled leadership into the 21<sup>st</sup> century and beyond.

In the New York Second Congressional District, we face an undeniable truth in our healthcare system: we are paying for a Rolls-Royce, but only getting a Cadillac in return. This is unacceptable. It is an affront to the very idea of American Exceptionalism. If other industrialized nations can achieve superior outcomes for less money, it is not merely an aspiration, but our solemn duty to surpass them. That is the true definition of American Exceptionalism. My platform is built on principles of value, transparency, and a relentless commitment to the dignity of hard work, ensuring that every Long Islander, and every American, has the opportunity to thrive. We will deliver the best for our people, because that is what American Exceptionalism truly demands.

### **Reclaiming Healthcare Excellence and Value – “Paying for a Rolls-Royce, Getting a Cadillac? Not Anymore!”**

The unacceptable reality of American healthcare is that we spend more than double per person than any other industrialized nation, yet our outcomes—from life expectancy to infant mortality—are consistently inferior. We are paying for a Rolls-Royce but only getting a Cadillac in return. This is not just inefficient; it's a moral and economic failure, fueled by a system beholden to powerful special interests where profits consistently outweigh patient well-being. We must stop paying for a Rolls-Royce and start getting Rolls-Royce care at a fair price.

1. Our Commitment to You, for Healthcare You Can Trust: Radical Transparency on Political Influence: Just as you deserve to know every ingredient in your food, you have a right to know every dollar influencing your elected officials. We demand that every politician prominently disclose the exact dollar amount they receive from pharmaceutical companies, health insurance corporations, and other special interests within the healthcare sector. This “ingredient list” for

our democracy will empower voters to identify and reject those beholden to corporate lobbies ensuring policy serves people, not profits. Your health policies should be based on your needs, not the highest bidder.

2. A Fairer System that Works for All (Medicare Expansion): We will champion the expansion of Medicare, leveraging a proven model that consistently demonstrates significantly lower administrative costs relative to the fragmented, profit-driven private insurance sector. By streamlining bureaucracy and maximizing purchasing power, we can redirect billions currently wasted on overhead towards direct patient care, lowering costs, and expanding access for every American. We can deliver Rolls-Royce care at a more affordable, Cadillac-like price, living up to the true promise of American Exceptionalism in healthcare.

3. Ending the Doctor Shortage—Especially Primary Care: The concern about wait times in some universal systems often stems from supply problems, not just system type. Here in America we will lead. We must aggressively address our national shortage of doctors, particularly primary care physicians. This means implementing robust federal incentives, scholarships, and loan forgiveness programs to make medical school significantly more affordable for students who commit to practicing primary care, especially in underserved communities. This proactive investment will ensure timely access to care, improving outcomes and reducing burdens on emergency rooms.

4. Leveraging AI for Efficiency, Not Displacement: Technology must serve humanity. AI offers a powerful solution to maximize efficiency within our healthcare system without eliminating jobs. We will invest in the ethical deployment of AI tools that reduce administrative burdens for doctors and nurses (like automated charting and billing), enhance diagnostic accuracy, and optimize patient triage. This allows our highly skilled medical professionals to focus on direct patient care, improving efficiency, reducing wait times, and allowing existing staff to serve more patients, ultimately making our universal system truly exceptional. We will use AI to ensure Rolls-Royce level efficiency in our healthcare system.

### **Unwavering Accountability and Government Efficiency**

The integrity of our government hinges on ensuring every dollar spent delivers maximum value for the American people. We need to hold our elected officials accountable not just for their votes, but for the actual effectiveness and fiscal responsibility of the legislation they pass. This means equipping Congress with the tools to truly assess the efficacy and cost-efficiency of every policy, a crucial check against vulnerabilities due to financial or political contributions.

Our Commitment to You: Establishing a Legislative Department of Government Efficiency: We will champion the creation of a powerful, independent legislative department comparable to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), but focused specifically on government efficiency and program efficacy while addressing waste, fraud, and abuse pragmatically and empathetically. This department would provide Congress and the public with rigorous, non-partisan analysis on:

1. Cost-Benefit Analysis: Objective assessments of proposed legislation's true costs versus its anticipated benefits and outcomes, especially in critical areas like healthcare.

2. Program Efficacy: Ongoing evaluation of existing federal programs to identify inefficiencies, redundancies, and areas where taxpayer money is not delivering intended results.

3. Transparency in Spending: Clear, accessible reports on how federal funds are being utilized across various agencies and initiatives, enabling detailed public scrutiny.

4. A Check on Unchecked Spending and Influence: This new department will serve as a vital check on potentially wasteful spending driven by special interests or political contributions. By providing hard data on efficiency and effectiveness, it empowers Congress to make smarter decisions and holds politicians accountable for their fiscal stewardship, resonating with all Americans, including Republicans who value genuine government efficiency and fiscal conservatism.

5. Empowering the Public with Data: This independent body will produce public reports, ensuring that citizens have access to clear, data-driven insights into how their tax dollars are being spent and whether government programs are truly effective. This empowers you, the taxpayer, to demand greater value and accountability from Washington.

### **Empowering Our Workforce and Educating Our Young for the AI Age**

The rise of Artificial Intelligence will redefine our economy. We must proactively embrace its potential while safeguarding the dignity of human labor and ensuring no American is left behind. Our commitment is to manage this transition with foresight, ensuring AI serves as a tool for progress, not a source of widespread job displacement or devalued education. We must be proactive to protect our young and prepare them for tomorrow.

1. Incentivizing Job Stability and Growth in the AI Era: Our consumption-driven economy depends on widespread earning power. We propose targeted federal tax incentives for businesses that integrate AI without reducing their net human workforce or those that actively create new jobs that leverage AI, ensuring a stable or positive net job rate. This prevents a future where companies are hyper-efficient but lack a consumer base to buy their products, fostering a new “Fordism” where productivity gains benefit both capital and labor. We will ensure AI is used for progress, not displacement.

2. Proactive K-12 Education for the Future: To protect and empower our young for a world shaped by AI, we must fundamentally strengthen their foundational skills. We advocate for a robust national commitment, empowering local New York school districts with resources to implement enhanced K-12 curricula focused on: Modern Civics Education: Fostering critical thinking, media literacy, and active democratic participation to navigate complex information and misinformation in the AI age. We must be proactive in teaching the mechanics of citizenship; the importance of citizen engagement and the mechanics and impacts of elections.

3. Essential Financial Literacy: Equipping every student with practical knowledge of budgeting, saving, debt management, and investing to navigate personal economic futures. We must proactively teach financial resilience.

4. Comprehensive Health and Wellness: Instilling lifelong habits for physical, mental, and emotional well-being, crucial for resilience in a demanding world. We must proactively teach our children to protect their long-term health.

### **Investing in a Sustainable Future: Environment, Energy and Infrastructure**

Protecting our environment and modernizing our infrastructure are not just about preservation; they are about securing Long Island's long-term economic vitality and quality of life. We must invest in smart, sustainable solutions that deliver both ecological and economic returns. Our commitment is to harness innovation and proven global successes to build a truly resilient and prosperous future.

1. Renewable Energy and Offshore Wind Leadership: The future is in clean energy. We will champion significant federal investment in offshore wind turbine farms, drawing lessons from the proven efficacy and success of projects in places like England and Amsterdam. These projects demonstrate that large-scale renewable energy can reliably power communities, create green jobs, and reduce our reliance on fossil fuels. Long Island, with its coastal resources, is uniquely positioned to lead America in this vital industry, transforming our energy landscape and setting a new standard for American environmental innovation.

2. Modernizing Our Infrastructure: From easing traffic congestion to improving our public transportation, we will advocate for significant investments in modernizing our infrastructure to enhance commutes, support economic growth, and improve our daily lives. Our roads, public spaces, and essential services should be efficient, effective, and built to last, benefiting every family in our district.

3. Protecting Our Precious Environment: Our bays, beaches, and natural landscapes are invaluable. We will champion initiatives to improve water quality, protect our open spaces, and promote sustainable practices to ensure a healthy environment for generations to come.

### **Honoring a Lifetime of Work: Economic Security and Fair Taxation**

The bedrock of American prosperity has always been the dignity of honest work. Our tax code and economic policies must reflect this fundamental value, ensuring that hard-earned income is respected and protected, especially in retirement. We must truly honor the dignity of work and the value of labor.

1. Fortifying Social Security: Social Security is the greatest anti-poverty program in American history, representing the fruit of a lifetime of labor. We must secure its future by eliminating the FICA cap, ensuring that all income contributes to this vital fund, strengthening it for current and future generations. It is a symbol of American Exceptionalism that we care for our seniors, second to none.

2. Valuing Labor Over Unearned Income: It is fundamentally unfair that income earned through a lifetime of labor can be taxed more heavily than income derived from “money making money.” We must reform our tax code to ensure that distributions from Social Security and traditional retirement accounts (like IRAs and pensions) are treated with preferential tax status, or are fully exempt after a certain age, acknowledging them as the rightful culmination of decades of contribution and the dignity of work. We must end the disparity where income from carried interest and long-term capital gains often enjoy lower tax rates than the ordinary income earned by working Americans. We must truly respect the value of labor.

3. A Living Wage for All: Inspired by the principle of Henry Ford, who understood that workers must also be consumers, we advocate for a federal minimum wage of \$20 an hour. This is not just a matter of fairness but economic necessity, boosting domestic spending and strengthening the middle class. We will also explore targeted federal tax incentives for businesses to help them manage this transition, ensuring economic vitality across our communities. This ensures that the value of labor is adequately rewarded.

This is more than a series of platforms; it is a blueprint for a renewed American Exceptionalism, one where we learn from the best globally, and then surpass them. It's a vision for a New York 2<sup>nd</sup> District that leads the way in delivering value, fostering transparency, and securing a future where the dignity of work and the well-being of every citizen are paramount. We will stop paying for a Rolls-Royce and only getting a Cadillac. Join me in fighting for a future where America truly is the best, by delivering the best for its people, for all our citizens, and for generations to come.