

# Congresswoman Kathleen C. Hochul

## One-Year Highlights

Rep. Hochul has developed a reputation for working with colleagues on both sides of the aisle to solve the challenges facing our Western New York and our country. Determined to balance the budget the right way, Hochul has worked to eliminate waste while protecting Medicare, making smart investments in our economy, and looking out for small businesses, middle class families, and our veterans.

### Fiscally Conservative & Independent

- **Balanced Budget Amendment:** Rep. Hochul was the only New York Democrat and 1 of only 24 Democrats nationwide to [vote for the Balanced Budget Amendment](#) to manage our nation's finances in the same way Western New York families do every day.
- **Cut Spending:** Rep. Hochul has voted to cut over \$2.4 trillion from the federal budget.
- **Eliminating Red Tape:** Rep. Hochul [worked with local farmers](#) to eliminate burdensome regulations on small businesses and [family farmers](#) like restrictions on farm dust and winter manure.
- **Energy Independence:** Rep. Hochul helped pass legislation approving the Keystone XL pipeline.
- **Defending Gun Rights:** Rep. Hochul [has consistently voted to protect the Second Amendment](#).

### Economic Investment & Innovation

- **School-To-Work:** Rep. Hochul introduced legislation to partner educational institutions with local businesses to ensure we are training a [skilled workforce that will stay here in Western New York](#).
- **Leveling the Playing Field:** Rep. Hochul opposed job killing [Free Trade Agreements](#), led the fight to stop the Chinese government from unfairly manipulating its currency, and passed an amendment requiring the Department of Homeland Security to only purchase uniforms made in America.
- **Smart Infrastructure Investments:** [Secured nearly \\$12 million](#) in expedited funding for the NFTA to repair its main runway in time for the construction season.

### Supporting Small Businesses & Local Farms

- **Access to Farm Labor:** Rep. Hochul introduced bipartisan legislation to [improve the H-2A visa](#) program so that local farmers can obtain the temporary labor they need to strengthen New York's dairy industry, and helped create [a process for farmers to submit forms online and reduce paperwork](#).
- **Supporting Local Businesses:** Rep. Hochul partnered with the [Small Business Administration](#) to help local businesses like Save-A-Lot in the Village of Holley secure loans to encourage economic growth.

### Protecting our Seniors

- **Protecting Medicare:** Rep. Hochul led the fight against the [Ryan Budget](#), which would end Medicare as we know it while giving tax breaks to millionaires and billionaires.
- **Preventing Rationing of Care:** Rep. Hochul crossed party lines in a vote to repeal the [Independent Payment Advisory Board](#) (IPAB). Created by the Affordable Care Act, IPAB creates a panel of 15 unelected bureaucrats designed to cut Medicare, which could result in the rationing of health care services.

### Standing with our Military and Veterans

- **Fighting for the Air Base:** Rep. Hochul successfully authored an amendment that would prevent the immediate [closing of the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station](#).
- **Promoting Veterans Health Care:** Rep. Hochul introduced [tele-health legislation](#) to cut the travel time and costs while ensuring quality health care services for veterans.