

## **Transportation / Housing (continued)**

### **Staff Contact: Joseph Alston**

- Support the Faith-Based Affordable Housing Act (FBAHA), which allows faith-based organizations to partner with developers to build affordable housing on their properties.

## **Taxation**

### **Staff Contact: Ken Pokalsky**

- Oppose new or increased taxes on business.
- Allow taxpayers to make the “pass through entity tax” election as late as September 15 of the tax year to which it applies.

## **Unemployment Insurance**

### **Staff Contact: Frank Kerbein**

- Support using public resource to pay down the remaining \$6 billion in Covid-era federal advances used to pay UI benefits, in order to provide payroll tax relief to employees.

## **Workforce Development**

### **Staff Contact: Crystal Griffith**

- Ensure the New York Coalition for Child Care has equal voices of business, tax, labor and advocates.
- While supporting the launch of child care substitute tool, it is imperative that the child care system in NYS does not mirror the inequities of the public school system.
- Launching a college in the high school opportunity fund wonderfully highlights the current early college programs but fails to include language and funding include of Advance Placement Coursework which has shown growth from 611,000 in 2022 to 695,000 in 2023, an increase of 14%, for low-income students.
- Streamlining TAP application shows the most success when paired with improving the FAFSA application. In 2024, over 1M FAFSA applications had errors due to a faulty roll-out negatively impacting the ability to receive aid.
- Increased funding support for in-demand occupations is necessary across all universities. BCNYS will continue to advocate for funding for APC, CUNY and SUNY colleges.



# 2025 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA



**The voice of business and employers in  
New York State.**

Significant issues on our legislative advocacy for 2025 include:

### **Alcohol & Beverage Control Law**

**Staff Contact: Paul Zuber**

- Allow wine to be sold in grocery stores
- Support ABC Law Reform, implement the Governor’s Task Force Recommendations

### **Energy/Environment/Taxes**

**Staff Contact: Ken Pokalsky**

- EPR for packaging – Business is urging the Governor to introduce legislation and provide leadership on the issue; the legislative proposal (S.1646/A.1749), which passed the Senate in 2024, is seen as unworkable by business and is strongly opposed.
- CLCPA implementation – This includes return of HEAT act, the pending cap and invest rule (and legislation imposing numerous restrictions on the NYCI market), among others.
- Superfund/Brownfield programs. The state’s \$1 billion in bonding authority for superfund cleanups needs reauthorization/replacement, business is asking for a number of programmatic reforms to both superfund (e.g., explicit provisions for “mixed” public/private spending at superfund sites) and brownfield programs (e.g., address provisions adding significant additional costs to volunteers doing brownfield cleanups.)

### **Financial Services**

**Staff Contact: Chelsea Lemon**

- Oppose excessively broad compliance and enforcement standards regarding “unfair and abusive” business practices.

### **Health & Health Insurance**

**Staff Contact: Chelsea Lemon**

- Advocate for reasonable health data privacy laws that do not inhibit a business’s ability to improve consumer access to services and products.
- Oppose new mandates, taxes, and additional unnecessary penalties that contribute to increasing health care premiums for businesses and individuals.

### **Labor**

**Staff Contact: Frank Kerbein**

- Eliminate “wage theft” enforcement against employers who failed to pay manual workers weekly.
- Oppose significant expansion of short-term disability benefits including dramatic increases in benefit amounts, job reinstatement rights, and health insurance continuation, as well as any expansion of Paid Family Leave benefits (bereavement, etc.).
- Respond to any expanded workplace protections in reaction to perceived Trump administration changes at OSHA – specifically warehouse worker injury protections, heat/cold employee protections, retail worker protections, etc.
- Oppose restrictions on noncompete and mandatory arbitration provisions in employment agreements.
- Respond to incremental changes to Workers’ Compensation benefits that add to the cost of the system.
- Resist expansion of use of Wage Boards to modify terms and conditions of employment by industry
- In 2023, BCNYS defeated a bill to ban non-compete agreements in New York due to a veto from the Governor. We are monitoring any re-emergence of this proposal. Oppose.

### **Privacy**

- Adopt privacy legislation similar to the Connecticut statute.

### **Legal Reform**

**Staff Contact: Chelsea Lemon**

- Oppose legislation to adopt an “abuse of dominant position” standard for the state’s antitrust statute.
- Oppose broad, costly “wrongful death” expansion

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- Support the establishing a comprehensive framework for the regulation and integration of autonomous vehicles (AVs) into our state. -Waymo is pushing.
- Support the New York state first home grant program; directs the commissioner of homes and community renewal, in consultation with the state comptroller, to implement such program; provides assistance on behalf of a first time home buyer qualified for such program; and for costs in connection with the acquisition, involving an eligible mortgage loan, of an eligible home, including down payment costs, closing costs, and costs to reduce the rates of interest on eligible mortgage loans

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