

1. Cost of living, a shrinking labor force, and strict state-mandated overtime rules are killing farmers here in the 17th Congressional District. In Congress, I'll push to cut taxes and regulations at the federal level to give farmers in the Hudson Valley real relief; and as Congressman, I'll always fight back against burdensome rules passed by Albany Democrats, many of whom have never set foot on a farm.
2. There is no question that we need to dramatically overhaul our immigration system at the federal level. Too many migrant workers who are here legally are being prevented from doing their critical functions as a key part of our agricultural industry. At the same time, too many undocumented immigrants are coming here illegally and, in some cases, taking jobs that legal migrant workers would be filling. We must find the proper balance here.
3. One of the best things we can do to ensure farmers can get their products readily into urban and suburban areas is invest in infrastructure. The bipartisan bill that passed last year was a good start, but we can't let that investment go to waste and must ensure that roads in all communities are improved. Additionally, for farmers in the Hudson Valley, I will strongly oppose congestion pricing, which would drastically increase costs for farmers trying to get their goods to New York City.
4. In Congress, I will oppose any and all efforts to eliminate industries such as chicken and cattle farming, and will stop efforts to build the greener energy future we need off the backs of hard-working, middle-class farmers in the Hudson Valley. Farmers need to be part of the conversation and we need to take a comprehensive approach to energy, including the use of cheap, reliable natural gas, which helps reduce costs for farming and manufacturing and ensures a clean energy future.