

2010 Issues (Senate)

Issue	Schumer (D)*	Townsend (R)
<u>Business Development:</u> What do you see as the top three priorities for business development and what will you do to promote these priorities?	No answers provided	1) Repeal Health Care Bill 2) Extend 2001 & 2003 tax cuts 3) Reexamine federal regulatory and paperwork requirements
<u>Tax & Regulatory Burdens:</u> Federal taxes and regulations are a significant challenge to starting and growing a business. How would you make it easier to operate a business?	No answer provided	Extend 2001 & 2003 tax cuts. Repeal the Health Care Bill.
<u>Industries of the Future:</u> What do you think are the industries of the future and what will you do to bring these businesses and jobs to New York and specifically to Staten Island?	No answer provided	Technology, research, energy. Make New York more competitive with other states; reduce cost of doing business in New York.
<u>Transportation:</u> What will you do to curb congestion, fund mass transit and increase regional connectivity on Staten Island?	No answer provided	Make sure New York gets its fair share from the federal government.
<u>Maritime Industry:</u> The maritime industry is vital to Staten Island. What do you see as the biggest threat to our ports and maritime support services and what would you do to support them?	No answer provided	Reduce the cost of doing business in New York
<u>Infrastructure:</u> Lack of adequate infrastructure, from telecommunications to water to energy, put Staten Island at a competitive disadvantage. What would you do to secure the funds necessary to improve our infrastructure?	No answer provided	New York gets less than 80 cents back for every dollar we send to the federal government. I will work to correct this inequity in the federal tax code.
<u>Positions:</u> 1. Find a solution to the height restriction of the Bayonne Bridge that maintains regional connectivity 2. Replace the Goethals Bridge 3. Increased lending to small businesses 4. DISCLOSE Act 5. Paycheck Fairness Act 6. Eliminate Small Business Exemption in the Family Medical Leave Act	No answers provided	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> Support <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> Support <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose <input type="checkbox"/> Support <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oppose

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