

You're invited To a Virtual Town Hall Event with

Assemblymember John T. McDonald III

Time and Date: Wednesday, July 16th at 6:30pm

The [Waterford Democratic Committee](#) invites you to a Virtual Town Hall Dialogue with [Assemblymember John T. McDonald](#) about how the NYS government can best respond to the Catastrophic Republican Budget that Trump signed on July 4, 2025.

John will answer questions and speak to options that NYS legislators may have to offset the blow to our quality of life in New York, with a special focus on Medicaid, Medicare, and Social Security.

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As John's Assembly committee assignments make clear, nobody in the New York Legislature is better positioned or more qualified than John to speak and answer questions about threats the Republican Maga bill poses to human services

John is

(1) Chair of the important Government Operations Committee,

and a member of the ...

(2) Health Committee

(3) Ways and Means Committee

(4) Higher Education Committee

(5) the Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Committee



These various legislative roles give John profound

insight to the ways that the New York government can respond to the Republican Project 2025 budget that takes trillions away from critical services for poor and middle-class people, while giving billions to billionaires.

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How could the Maga-Budget affect you?

- ***Your elderly parent's nursing home could be forced to close***
- ***Your child's Special Ed services could be cut back or eliminated***
- ***Your property taxes could increase due to reduced federal funding for educational services***
- ***New Income-Driven-Repayment (IDR) formulas will increase your Student Loan payments***

- *The home health, mental/behavioral health, or substance use programs needed by you or a loved one could be drastically reduced or eliminated*
- *You could be one of an estimated 65,000 New Yorkers in healthcare related fields who will lose employment due to Medicaid cuts*
- *You could be one of an estimated 1.5 million New Yorkers who will lose access to healthcare.*
- *The rural hospital near you could close, making the nearest healthcare and emergency services hours away*
- *Elderly or struggling family members and their children could lose SNAP benefits.*

We are all affected by this disastrous federal budget

Don't kid yourself or believe the "it will be alright" propaganda on rightwing media. And don't listen to Republicans like Mitch McConnell who quip that people won't like Medicaid cuts, but "*they'll get over it*" (yes, he really said that).

Only wealthy elites who correctly perceive this tax bill as a huge windfall will "be alright." As for the rest of us, we will NOT "get over" our parents losing their nursing home placement, or our children going hungry or losing essential education services. And we will NOT "be alright" with paying higher school and local taxes to subsidize huge gifts to the already unimaginably wealthy.

It's true that all politics is local. But it's also true that most people pay even less attention to local and state politics than they do to national politics. If we want to '**Make America America Again**' we must focus our attention on, and re-involve ourselves in the management of our cities, counties and states – because, as we now know, we can no longer rely on the federal government to watch out for our well-being.

The First Step to 'being involved' is to learn about the issues and and options available to our elected local and state officials who will administer these needless massive cuts to public benefits

So we urge you to join us for this **exceedingly rare opportunity** to have a dialogue with and learn from an influential and well-positioned State Legislator about how New York State will go about managing the huge blow to well-being that the Maga minority has inflicted on our state.

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