



Reproductive Freedom

- Eric unequivocally supports the right to chose and if elected will vote to enshrine this right in our state constitution through passage of the Equality Amendment
- Senator Oberacker voted **no** to establish legal protections for abortion providers in New York State from out of state laws (S 9077) and **no** to expand legal protections for abortion providers (S 9079).

Environmental Protections

- Eric supports a safe and clean environment in New York State which will help protect access to clean water and increase funding to protect and improve infrastructure for residents and small businesses.
- Senator Oberacker voted **no** to amend the State Constitution to ensure the right to a healthy environment (S 528) and voted **no** to prohibit pesticide use at children's camps (S 7696) and voted **no** to requiring fossil fuel plants to submit a renewable energy plan (S 4378).

Expanding Access to the Ballot Box

- Eric will vote to maintain access to early and absentee voting for busy parents, the elderly, and the rest of us. We will protect free and fair elections.
- Our opponent supports efforts to make voting more difficult for New Yorkers. Senator Oberacker voted **no** to Expand protections for Voters (S 1046), voted **no** to expand early voting access (S 4306B) and voted **no** to authorize voting by mail by removing the cause requirement for absentee ballot voting (S 360).



Healthcare Access

- Eric believes that healthcare is a human right. That is why he supports the New York Health Act which would expand and cover every New York resident regardless of age, income, wealth or employment, as well as eliminate network restrictions, deductibles, and copays.

- Senator Oberacker has **no** policy on ensuring that more New Yorkers get access to affordable healthcare, he must not believe it is a pressing issue for his constituents, he could not be more out of touch.

Protecting Workers

- Eric Fully supports workers rights and protections. He believes workers should have the right and space to unionize so they can advocate for themselves against predatory practices and unsafe conditions.

- Senator Oberacker voted **no** to establish worker protections for warehouse workers (S8922) and voted **no** to establish protections for employees and former employees that report dangerous business activities (S 4394A)..

Responsible Gun Ownership

- Eric would vote to strengthen red flag laws to empower local law enforcement to remove guns from potentially violent individuals and domestic abusers. Eric also supports a universal background check to prevent guns from landing in the hands of potentially violent individuals in the first place.

- Our opponent would rather be part of the problem than the solution. Senator Oberacker voted **no** to expand red flag laws relating to potentially violent individuals (S9113), voted **no** to require licenses for possession of semi-automatic firearms (S 9458) and voted **no** to prohibit the sale of ghost guns (S 14A). These votes are reckless and put the lives of law enforcement and the broader community at great risk.



Protecting LGBTQ Youth

•Eric knows the difference between supporting at-risk youth, and villafying them. As an openly gay man who grew up in rural America, Eric knows the struggle it can be to come to terms with one's identity in situations where representation is limited. He will support increased funding for programs that help support young people.

•Senator Oberacker Voted **no** to establish a transgender and gender non-binary wellness and equity program (S 8884)

Hemp and Cannabis Industry

•Eric views the expansion of the Hemp and Cannabis industries as avenues to bring jobs to rural New York while staying in touch with our agricultural roots.

•Senator Oberacker Voted **no** to authorize the legalization of adult recreational cannabis use (S 845).

A message from Eric Ball

“I’m a proud product of this district and I believe we need to have people who know and love the area representing us. I initially decided to run because I felt that rural New Yorkers didn’t have the voice they deserve representing them in Albany. As rural New Yorkers we know the importance of social programs, state grants, and active government. I want to be an active state senator, I pledge to remain connected to my constituents and serve their needs in Albany. I’m not running to be a lackey and I’m not running to blockade, I’m running to deliver tangible solutions to problems that are only getting worse and worse. I’m going to Albany to fight for the working class, not sell them out”.

- Eric Ball, Democratic Candidate for New York State Senate District 51



Eric is the Democratic candidate running to represent the 51st Senate District in New York which includes Delaware, Schoharie, Otsego, Sullivan counties, and parts of Broome, Chenango, and Ulster counties. Born and raised in Walton, NY, Eric is a former CSEA Union member who worked as a Direct Care Aide, providing care to people with developmental disabilities. He has also managed small and agricultural businesses. A graduate of SUNY Oneonta, he currently serves on the Walton Board of Trustees where he works to find consensus to move Walton forward.