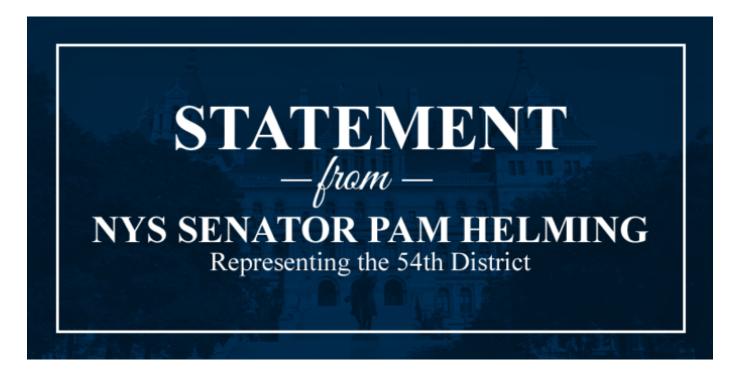


## Senator Helming Statement on Executive Budget Proposal

PAMELA HELMING January 16, 2024

ISSUE: EXECUTIVE BUDGET



The Governor said, "We can't spend like there's no tomorrow." I agree!

Yet today, I heard a lot about spending and nothing about relief. And I do not support using our reserves to benefit migrants over taxpayers.

The proposed Executive Budget increases spending and expands the size of government. This, at a time when many of my constituents are struggling to pay their bills or buy a home, when small businesses are wrestling with higher unemployment insurance costs, and when our communities are contending with brazen crime and lagging infrastructure.

In Albany, the devil is always in the details.

I have put forth proposals to address many of our important issues, including affordability, public safety, mental health and workforce development. I'll keep working to be part of the solution.

###