



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Statement From Senator William T. Stachowski

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SENATOR STACHOWSKI REACTS TO RELEASE OF GOVERNOR'S 2010-11 EXECUTIVE BUDGET

“While I fully support mandate relief to local governments and school districts, the consolidation of certain state agencies, the restructuring of the Empire Zone program, and the proposed changes to SUNY and CUNY that would give them more independence, I believe the Governor’s budget is very troubling in many areas. I will be strongly opposing the proposed cuts to Roswell Park, cuts to nursing homes, and yet another proposed tax on certain beverages. Especially upsetting is the Governor’s proposal to impose \$1 billion in higher taxes and fees particularly when my colleagues and I had been told that there would be no new tax increases. Despite a deep recession, New Yorkers are still paying staggering property taxes, by far, the biggest tax in the state. As we address the state’s budget deficit, my colleagues and I in the Senate Majority will be releasing our own budget shortly which will fight for our local health care institutions, job creation and the state’s taxpayers.”