



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Senator Ritchie Responds to Governor's Budget

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Governor Andrew Cuomo has been promising the state tough decisions. The budget he unveiled today offers difficult choices but opportunities if we work together.

My staff and I have begun studying the budget to examine how it treats Central New York and Northern New York, our schools, our state agencies and our communities.

I want to work with the governor and my colleagues to put together a budget that puts taxpayers first and treats our region fairly and equitably.

I believe the steps we have taken by adopting a spending cap and a property tax cap are good first steps, but in the days ahead, I will be listening closely to the people of the 48th Senate District to hear how this budget affects them.

I believe that if we work together we can help our state become more innovative, more focused and a leader in our nation.