



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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SENATOR BALL ANNOUNCES, “PEPSI STAYS...and EXPANDS!” Jobs are staying and being created in the Hudson Valley

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Senator Greg Ball (R, C, 40th District-Westchester/Putnam/Dutchess) announced today that more than 1,200 high paying jobs will stay in the 40th District. There has been discussion over the past year that Pepsi could leave the area, even leave New York.

Today the Empire State Development, a state agency, announced an agreement that will provide PepsiCo with a \$4 million grant to invest in the Westchester facility. PepsiCo will also invest up to \$9 million in the project to retain and create new jobs. The bottler will expand its 1,200-employee operations from the 360,000-square-foot space it now leases in Somers to the entire 540,000-square-foot building.

“Educated, skilled, global talent surrounds us in this district,” said Senator Ball. “Including people like Amy Patel Daschle, a veteran, and daughter of Councilman Patel, a Democrat, of Yorktown. Upon graduating from West Point in 2005, and having served in Iraq and Afghanistan, she began a job at Pepsi in Somers as a brand development and commercialization manager.”

Senator Ball said, "Job growth and creation is essential in the Hudson Valley. We must continue to fight against New York's openly hostile business environment and make it easier for companies like Pepsico to not only stay, but expand right here in the Hudson Valley. The biggest thing government can do to help businesses grow and expand is get out of the way!"