



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Executive Budget Reaction Statement by Senator Betty Little

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“The governor’s executive budget reflects New York’s economic recovery,” said Senator Betty Little. “The financial picture is improving slowly, there’s reason to be optimistic but a need to budget cautiously.

“Last year we had to contend with a \$10 billion deficit. This year, it is \$2 billion and can be closed with reasonable cost-savings measures that focus on improved efficiency. Education funding, mandate relief, streamlining government and encouraging private-sector growth are some of the key priorities. We have a great starting point with Governor Cuomo’s plan and I look forward to the hearings, conferences and meetings with constituents as we work toward a timely adoption of a state budget that continues our progress.”