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## **Statement by Senate Republican Conference Leader Dean Skelos**

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A report issued today by the State Department of Labor highlights the steady, bipartisan progress we've made with Governor Cuomo in controlling spending and taxes, creating new private sector jobs and turning New York's economy around.

According to these statistics, one of out every five jobs created throughout the country between December 2012 and January 2013 were created here, and our state has now added private sector jobs for a record 17 consecutive months. That's good news for those who are searching for meaningful employment, as well as those who are working hard to keep the job they have.

While we have made real strides, the overall figures show just how fragile our economic recovery has been. Unemployment continues to be too high, showing we must continue to work together to reduce the cost of doing business in New York, and provide incentives that empower businessmen and women to create new jobs and grow their companies for the future.

Now that our economy is starting to rebound, it would be a grave mistake to place new, burdensome costs on businesses and families, or put new obstacles in their way. I urge the Governor and the Assembly to join us in passing a responsible

budget that controls spending, rejects new taxes, and builds on the progress we've made.

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