



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Senator Nozzolio Fights For Individuals With Special Needs

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As your State Senator, I have been and will remain a staunch advocate for individuals with special needs and disabilities. I understand the unique challenges a family faces when striving to ensure that their loved one receives the best quality care possible.

Despite the challenging financial times, I have been outspoken that the State Budget cannot be balanced through harmful cuts to programs relied upon by those most in need. That is why I stood with my colleagues in the State Senate to stop \$120 million in cuts to programs that serve New York State residents with special needs.

While our efforts during the 2013-2014 budget negotiations restored some of this funding, programs throughout our State were still in danger due to a \$90 million budget shortfall. This shortfall threatened to diminish access to important services for thousands of developmentally disabled citizens across New York State. **That is why I sponsored legislation to prevent these devastating cuts and fully restore this important funding.**

**Our combined efforts have been successful and I am pleased to announce that legislation I sponsored was recently signed into law. This new measure will guarantee that developmentally disabled New Yorkers will continue to receive the quality care and support that they deserve.**

Be assured that I will continue my aggressive efforts to support individuals with special needs and their families. Please do not hesitate to let me know whenever I can be of assistance to you or your family.