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## Sen. Krueger's Statement on Sen. Skelos' Plan to Block Vote on Home-Rule Request for Universal Pre-K

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Sen. Krueger issued the following statement in reaction to Majority Co-Leader Dean Skelos' statements today announcing his intention to block a vote on New York City's home-rule request for a local tax increase to fund universal pre-kindergarten:

"Contrary to Sen. Skelos' statements, New York City seeking permission to tax itself to pay for universal pre-K is the dictionary definition of a home rule request. It will not cost the state anything, and it will not limit the options for universal pre-K in other locations. We have to make tough decisions here in Albany all the time. This is not one of them."