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Senate's Budget Plan Builds a Brighter Future for New York State

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I'm pleased to report that the State Senate is moving the State Budget process forward with a soundly balanced, fiscally responsible plan that will cut taxes, control spending, and build a brighter future for the State of New York.

Our Senate one-house budget resolution calls for significant property tax relief to help hardworking New Yorkers, regionally balanced funding to help create good jobs, and important infrastructure investments to help rebuild the State's economy. Furthermore, it

invests in the future of our students by increasing education aid and completely eliminating the GEA.

Specifically, the Senate budget resolution:

- * Provides Property Tax Rebate Checks for All STAR-Eligible Homeowners;
- * Increases School Aid and Eliminates the GEA;
- * Helps Middle Class New Yorkers Afford College;
- * Assists Job Creators and Job Seekers by Supporting Critical Infrastructure And Technology Programs;
- * Provides Major New Tax Breaks for Small Businesses;
- * Helps New York Farmers; and
- * Provides a Major Increase in Support for the Environmental Protection Fund.

For more information on the Senate's budget resolution, [click here](#).

I believe that this spending plan should serve as a blueprint for an enacted budget that invests in New York's future, controls taxes and spending, and helps our residents build a brighter future.