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Senator Diaz to the Governor - no more cuts - start collecting billions of tax dollars owed

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ASHES TO ASHES, DUST TO DUST NEW YORK STATE CIGARETTE TAX REVENUE GO

What Untaxed Native American Cigarettes
Are Costing New York State

- Native American sales of untaxed cigarettes have been steadily on the rise, from 20 million cartons in 2005-6 to 41 million cartons in 2008-9.
- Native American cigarette sales constitute the vast majority of the total untaxed cigarettes this year.
- In Fiscal Year 2008-09, cigarette excise tax receipts are estimated to be \$1.4 billion. If all channel sales to New Yorkers had been subject to the prevailing excise tax, an additional \$1.4 billion in revenue would have been generated.
- Of this \$1.4 billion figure, approximately \$1 billion would have been generated from reservation sales.

SOLUTION... Governor allows cigarettes to be sold by licensed tax agents resulting in \$135 million in revenue in December and \$1.6 billion for the next 12 months.