

## Pull the Plug on New Taxes

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Here's my take on one piece of Governor Cuomo's 2013-14 proposed state budget:

"This higher utility tax was one of the worst products of one-party control in New York State government in 2009. I voted against the increased assessment when it was first imposed on businesses and consumers four years ago. It was a bad move then, it's worse now when New Yorkers find it even harder to make ends meet and the monthly utility bill continues to be sky high," said O'Mara, who's serving on the Senate's budget subcommittee on economic development and taxes. "Governor Cuomo said 'no new taxes' in this budget and he should

mean it. Higher taxes like this one are tough on consumers and make it harder and harder for New York's businesses, farmers and manufacturers to stay competitive."

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