



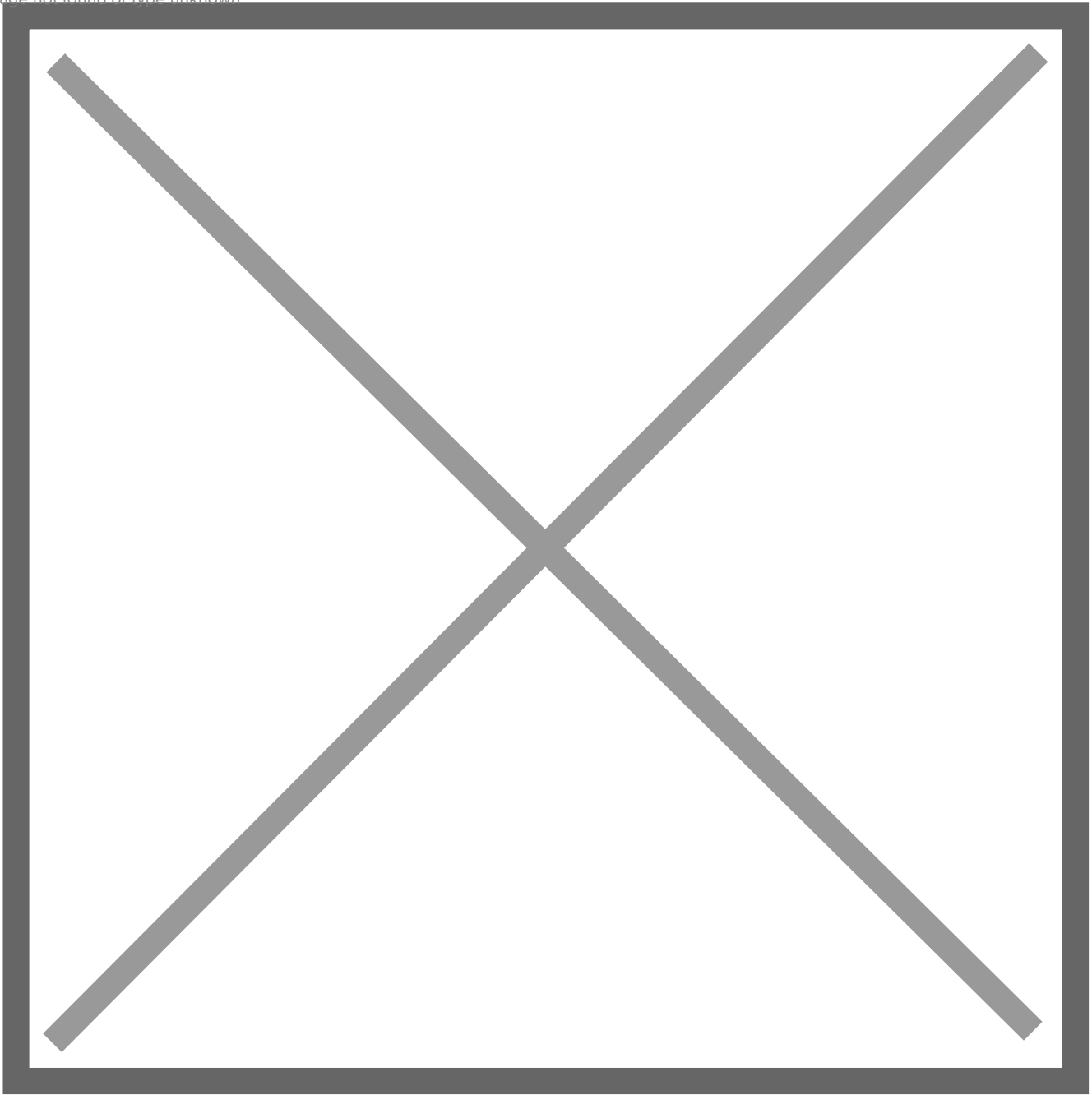
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## AGRICULTURE TO EDUCATION TO VETERANS: A NEW STATE BUDGET

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The 2015-2016 New York State budget includes higher state aid to local schools, a stronger commitment to local infrastructure and broadband development, and enhanced assistance to key economic sectors including agriculture.

This budget targets key Upstate industries like agriculture and tourism, helps local schools, and enhances state support for addressing critical Upstate challenges like local roads, bridges, universal broadband and other vital infrastructure.

It also includes a stronger state commitment to delivering effective treatment to our veterans who've returned home from the battlefield and are suffering from the devastating effects of Post-traumatic stress disorder. It's been a personal mission of mine to get behind efforts to provide our military men and women with effective treatment. This year's additional state support will make a difference for many veterans and their families and loved ones in New York State and nationally.

Read more on the details of the new budget [Here](#), [Here](#), and [Here](#) -- and my recent weekly column, "[Education debate at center of new state budget](#)"