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Senator Dilan, Colleagues Pass \$156 Billion 2016-17 State Budget

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Long-Supported Democratic Conference Measures Included as Part of Spending Plan

Senator Martin Malavé Dilan and colleagues passed a \$156 Billion spending plan on April 1 that incorporates long-held Democratic Conference priorities, commits additional funding to schools, and supports New York's working families.

The 2016-17 State Budget continues in the tradition of serving as a policy road map in addition to a spending plan. The budget includes a plan to phase in a statewide \$15 minimum wage and enacts the most comprehensive paid family leave program in the country. The final product did fall short however, as attempts to include ethics reforms were rejected soon after debate opened late on March 31.

“This year was marked by a troubling lack of transparency, much more so than the three men in a room negotiations of the past. Whomever was included in talks and where ever they did it, was far from the public and press corps’ reach,” said Senator Dilan. “When 600 or so page budget bills began showing up moments before they were to be acted on, only then did I see that some things I had been advocated for years were included in some form.”

The inclusion of Senator Dilan and conference colleagues’ priorities in this year’s budget is proof that measures like an increased wage floor and paid family leave are widely-supported in New York. If final negotiations had been open to Senator Dilan, Democratic Leader Stewart-Cousins and conference colleagues, “ethics reforms, a more immediate indexed minimum wage, and additional resources to affordable housing efforts and enforcement would have been strongly pressed,” Senator Dilan said.

s \$15 Minimum Wage

e hardest fought and most contested provisions of the 2016-17 State Budget, was the fight for a \$15 per hour minimum wage. For the first time in over a decade, New York State has passed a law that reflects the financial realities of today’s working families. The bill, which was passed by a 53-47 vote in the Assembly, would increase the minimum wage to \$15 per hour by 2021. This is the first time that the minimum wage has been indexed to inflation. However, like in 2011, this budget deal failed to index the wage.”

mentous increase will make an impact for New York City workers, it will come in 2018. Nearly 400,000 workers will have to wait until then. And unfortunately counties north of Westchester won’t see a minimum wage increase until 2021. In counties where the minimum wage is currently \$9.50/hr, which wage increases will be indexed to inflation, ultimately capping at \$15/hour.

ity the minimum wage will increase to \$11/hour beginning December 31. Every year after the hourly wage reaches \$15/hr in 2018. For city businesses with ten or less employees the wage is increased to \$11/hr and increases \$1.50/hr every year after until reaching \$15/hour in 2019. In Nassau, Suffolk and Westchester the minimum wage will increase to \$10/hr on December 31, 2016 and increases \$1/hr every year until reaching \$15/hr in 2021.

rs are included in the minimum wage plan. Also included is a refundable tax credit per farm employee equal to at least two-thirds of their gross income through farming.

the budget allows for the Department of Budget to adjust spending projections under the Medicaid S to increased wages.

aid Family Leave Program in the Country!

ernor Cuomo's mission to pursue "equality and dignity in both the workplace and the home," my col
ost comprehensive and compassionate paid family leave benefit in the country.

l, working New Yorkers will be entitled to 12 weeks of paid leave to bond with their new child or ten
program will be phased in over the course of four years, beginning with eight weeks of leave in 2018
tional weeks will be added until reaching the full 12 weeks in 2020. Employees qualify after working

*ould have to choose between caring for a loved one or missing a day's pay. I'm proud to have helped New York
nd I'm hopeful it will be enacted nationally."*

1 Adjustment Eliminated, Foundation Aid Increased

e eliminated the Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA) that was put in place following the 2007 recess
posal was to completely eliminate the GEA by the 2018 school year. However, my colleagues and I o
school districts effective immediately.

2007 housing bubble burst and subsequent recession, the State Legislature was forced to reduce aid
aid was allocated was done using an adjustment formula (Gap Elimination Adjustment) that took i
nue shortfall at the time, federal aid and base need of school districts statewide.

e GEA was widely welcomed, however the state's commitment to provide for a "sound basic educati
gh school education" in accordance with the Campaign for Fiscal Equity suit has yet to realized. Sch
York City schools, remain under-funded.

ion Aid Increase

proved a four percent increase in School Foundation Aid, increasing the Governor's proposal by \$62. The Formula is used to help direct operational funds to school districts with high-need students. For the New York City schools will receive \$6,774,784,194. This figure does not include the increase in Community

Schools Aid Set-Aside

Senate proposal allocates an additional \$175 million for schools deemed "persistently struggling" and officials. This funding is not figured into these school's base foundation aid, offering additional resources.

ensure that issues of poverty can be addressed with communities working together to ensure that every child is healthy and ready to learn. This investment is critical to providing students early opportunities to succeed and breaking the trend of higher crime rates among underserved youth.

My Brother's Keeper

see support for President Obama's 'My Brother's Keeper' initiative in the budget and I was more than happy allocating \$20 million to the program. New York State will be the first in the nation to implement this program to address its persistent opportunity gaps faced by boys and young men of color."

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to see the last of the 2007 austerity measures lifted from our school district's shoulders, and an incident, again the State Budget does not include funding for The DREAM Act. The act would allow undocumented students to apply for state college tuition assistance.

of the Dream Act guarantees that future generations can continue their studies at colleges and universities, laying the foundation for a long and prosperous life, in the state they have and will call home."

Request to CUNY Rejected

gues and I rejected the Governor's proposal to shift 30 percent of CUNY's state-paid operation costs and debt payments to the City. The proposed \$485 million shift would have been disastrous for the City University system, resulting in loss of faculty, and opportunities for thousands of college students; not to mention the city's overall budget."

Tuition Freeze

and the proposed \$300 annual tuition increase for CUNY and SUNY students over the next five years will have their tuition frozen for the 2016-17 school year.

Weeks leading up to the April 1 passage of the budget, I regularly *voiced my displeasure with proposals* to essentially cancel the city transit and transportation capital plans with an \$8.3 billion IOU. In the end, \$55 billion of the State budget has been allocated to transportation investments statewide, along with a record \$8.3 billion commitment to the MTA capital plan; \$2.5 billion as allocated."

Funding

The Budget allocates \$4.7 billion to the MTA for day-to-day operational expenses, a 3.5 percent increase over 2015.

Previously, state funding for the 5-year capital plan will total \$8.3 billion; the city has agreed to allocate \$6.8 billion. The 5-Year state Department of Transportation Capital Program has been set at \$25.15 billion.

The Budget restores \$1.5 billion for Phase II of the Second Avenue Subway.

The Budget includes a \$7.5 million increase in freight rail funding, \$3 million of which the MTA will use to retrofit diesel train engines to improve emissions standards as well as \$1 million for other diesel train engine retrofits.

Safe-Pedestrian Money

of improving safety and expanding upon transportation alternatives made available to New Yorkers; in calls for an increase of \$20 million for each year of the 5-year capital plan. The money would be for pedestrian and bicycling friendly projects. Sadly, it was not included.

CHIPS

Throughout New York State rely on capital grants offered through the Consolidated Local Street and Highway Program (CHIPS). The reimbursement program is critical to local infrastructure upkeep and improvement. For 2016-17, the program saw no increase in funding.

It has always been a contentious issue in Albany. When it comes to the budget, no amount seems to be enough. That is the importance to empower the agencies, organizations and authorities we entrust to preserve affordable housing, protect tenants and pursue those who undermine the right to live in the communities of their choosing."

The budget provides more than \$40 million in support of the critical work of the state Department of Housing Preservation and Renewal (HCR). Out of this funding comes the Tenant Protection Unit. Created in 2011 the TPU is the preserve affordable housing throughout the state.

Tenant's Watchdog

It was to establish the Tenant Protection Unit as an independently-funded law enforcement office with the TPU's ability to curtail patterns and practices of landlord fraud and harassment through audits, in legal actions, was of critical importance to me.

That the Senate Majority's initial one-house budget proposal attempted to eliminate funding for the TPU's allocation of \$40 million to HCR in the final budget is big win for Brooklyn tenants. Given the TPU's recent record of time before the value in funding it independently is acknowledged. I was happy to stand with the calls to do so and will continue to do just that.

Tenant Advocacy Groups

cy groups have long been a mainstay in the fight for affordable housing in Brooklyn. This year's budget includes funding for two organizations that have been among the loudest of advocates for Brooklyn tenants; Brooklyn Legal Services (\$250,000) and Make the Road New York (\$150,000).

to extend the Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE) and Disability Rent Increase Exemption (DRIE) for another five years. Both programs are extremely important to residents on limited or fixed incomes.

increases funding to the Neighborhood Preservation Programs (\$12.7 million), Supportive Housing Initiatives (\$10 million), as well as Solutions to End Homelessness Program, and support for AIDs Housing.

budget includes an ambitious, 8-year plan to cut Personal Income Taxes by 20 percent for New Yorkers earning between \$20,000 and \$150,000. A separate reduction applies to earners between \$75,000 and \$300,000.

the Governor will have cut the 2012 reduction of 6.45 percent for similar earners, down to 5.5 percent. According to the Governor's estimates, the reduction will save middle class New Yorkers nearly \$6.6 billion over the course of four years, reaching \$4.2 billion by 2025. When fully phased in, the Governor estimates 6 million middle class taxpayers will benefit.

household of four, filing jointly and earning between the county and city Average Medium Income (AMI) of between \$50 and \$110 in 2018.

breaks down as follows:

and small businesses filing under the personal income tax (PIT) eligible for tax rate reductions of 20 percent when fully implemented include:

- individuals with taxable income between \$20,000 and \$75,000;
- households with taxable income between \$30,000 and \$100,000; and,
- estate filers with taxable income between \$40,000 and \$150,000.

and small businesses filing under the PIT eligible for tax rate reductions of 12.5 percent (6.85 percent to 6 percent when fully implemented) include:

with taxable income between \$75,000 and \$200,000;
useholds with taxable income between \$100,000 and \$250,000; and,
it filers with taxable income between \$150,000 and \$300,000.

Protection Fund

"It is my pleasure I voted in favor of allocating an unprecedented \$300 million to the Environmental Protection Fund. The primary source of grant money to projects that improve conservation, open space efforts throughout New York."

Tax Credit

similar to a bill I sponsor in the Senate has been included in the final budget that will give New Yorker's a \$2,000 credit towards the purchase of zero-emission vehicles. This is yet another step towards improving our environment by moving away from fossil fuels and to clean, renewable resources and technologies. I will continue to support similar measures in the future.

Senate Democratic Conference Introduces the “Clean Up Albany” Legislative Package

On March 31 budget deadline, our calls to include meaningful ethics reform initiatives, were ignored. . . .

... by scandal after scandal recently. To not have one ethic measure included in the budget—limiting campaign contribution loophole—is incredibly frustrating. My colleagues and I have every intention to fight through to the conclusion of session in June.

2015-S6405C

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 - In Committee Senate
 - - On Floor Calendar Assembly
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Enacts into law major components of legislation necessary to implement the state public protection and general government budget for the 2016-2017 state fiscal year

January 14, 2016

Senate Floor Calendar

Do you support this bill?

2015-S6407C

- Introduced
- - In Committee Assembly
 - In Committee Senate
- - On Floor Calendar Assembly
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- - Passed Assembly
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Enacts into law major components of legislation necessary to implement the state health and mental hygiene budget for the 2016-2017 state fiscal year

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Senate Floor Calendar

Do you support this bill?

2015-S6408C

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- Introduced
 - - In Committee Assembly
 - In Committee Senate

- ◦ On Floor Calendar Assembly
 - On Floor Calendar Senate

- ◦ Passed Assembly
 - Passed Senate

- Delivered to Governor
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Enacts into law major components of legislation necessary to implement the state transportation, economic development and environmental conservation budget for the 2016-2017 state fiscal year

January 14, 2016

Senate Floor Calendar

Do you support this bill?

2015-S6409C

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- Introduced
 - ◦ In Committee Assembly
 - In Committee Senate
 - ◦ On Floor Calendar Assembly
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Enacts into law major components of legislation which are necessary to implement the state fiscal plan for the 2016-2017 state fiscal year

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Do you support this bill?

2015-S6400D

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- Introduced
 - - In Committee Assembly
 - In Committee Senate
 - - On Floor Calendar Assembly
 - On Floor Calendar Senate
 - - Passed Assembly
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STATE OPERATIONS BUDGET

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Senate Floor Calendar

Do you support this bill?

2015-S6401A

- Introduced
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LEGISLATURE AND JUDICIARY BUDGET

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Do you support this bill?



2015-S6406C

- Introduced
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 - On Floor Calendar Senate
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Enacts into law major components of legislation necessary to implement the state education, labor, housing and family assistance budget for the 2016-2017 state fiscal year

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Do you support this bill?

2015-S6403D

- Introduced

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AID TO LOCALITIES BUDGET

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Do you support this bill?