



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

James L. Seward

## Statement on Budget Extension

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**ALBANY, 04/03/17** – State Senator James L. Seward (R/C/I/Ref-Oneonta) today commented on the senate passage of a temporary state budget extension:

**“Passage of a temporary budget extension keeps state government operating and ensures essential public services will be maintained as we continue to negotiate several unresolved issues.**

**“There is some good news in the budget extension - a significant boost in pay for direct care workers and \$2.5 billion for clean water infrastructure.**

**“I will continue to work to enact a final state budget that controls spending, supports our public schools, helps families afford the high cost of college, eases costs on our small businesses, and expands ridesharing upstate.**

**“When it comes to “Raise the Age” I want to strike a balance and make sure youthful offenders are given a second chance, but I will not sacrifice public safety or allow violent criminals to walk free.**

**“The temporary budget covers state expenses through May 31<sup>st</sup> but I am working to reach a final agreement soon so that our school districts can have a level of certainty going into public budget votes.”**