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Senator O'Mara's weekly column 'From the Capitol' ~ for the week of December 25, 2017 ~ 'How to waste millions of taxpayer dollars'

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The change has been touted as a cost-cutting move by DOH; however, many local public transportation leaders from the Southern Tier, Finger Lakes, and throughout upstate have continually raised concerns about its implementation and long-term impact on rural communities and populations including the rural poor, disabled veterans, the elderly, and the rural workforce. I know because I have held numerous meetings and forums over the past several years to hear directly from local officials, mobility managers, transportation providers, and community organizations.

Senator O'Mara offers his weekly perspective on many of the key challenges and issues facing the Legislature, as well as on legislative actions, local initiatives, state programs and policies, and more. Stop back every Monday for Senator O'Mara's latest column "From the Capitol..."

This week, "How to waste millions of taxpayer dollars" [_](#)

[see attached copy above of Senator O'Mara's column in The Leader on December 24, 2017]