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Senate Blueprint Includes Record Funding to Combat Heroin and Opioid Addiction

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The spread of heroin and opioids are impacting far too many communities and will continue to destroy lives unless more aggressive actions are taken.

That's why I'm working to enact a comprehensive plan to address the scourge of heroin and opioid addiction as part of my **Blueprint for a Stronger New York**.

My plan, which has been advanced as part of the Senate Majority's new state budget proposal, would provide **a record level of state funding to combat heroin and opioid abuse**. It also includes far-reaching health and safety initiatives to reduce the harmful effects of drug abuse on everyone from infants to adults.

Our proposal would increase the state's support for opioid use disorder-related services to a new record of \$265 million - going beyond the 2018-19 Executive Budget proposal of \$228 million.

In addition, our plan includes measures to:

- Reduce exposure to opioids for children and adults;
- Limit and provide alternatives to opioid use;
- Better define controlled substances to include deadly drugs like fentanyl;
- Screen expectant mothers to prevent and treat addiction in infants;
- Better ensure a successful recovery for those struggling with addiction; and
- Provide law enforcement with new tools to help get drugs and dealers off the streets.

For more information on our plan to combat heroin and opioid abuse, [click here](#).

I will continue to keep you posted on my efforts to make addressing heroin and opioid abuse a priority during ongoing budget negotiations.