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## Statement from Senate Republican Leader John J. Flanagan Regarding AIM Funding Cuts

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By cutting \$60 million in AIM funding, Governor Cuomo's budget will lead directly to higher taxes and reduced services for millions of New Yorkers. My Senate Republican colleagues stand together with local government leaders in opposing these shortsighted cuts.

Governor Cuomo likes to brag about controlling spending and bringing sanity to the state's finances, but balancing the budget on the backs of hardworking local taxpayers isn't really

balancing the budget at all. It's a shell game played by politicians who would rather force others to make the difficult choices that they should be making.

This year's state budget must restrain spending and protect taxpayers, enact the spending cap into law, and reverse the Governor's harmful AIM cuts – allowing local governments to receive all of the aid they are entitled to and responsibly plan for the future.