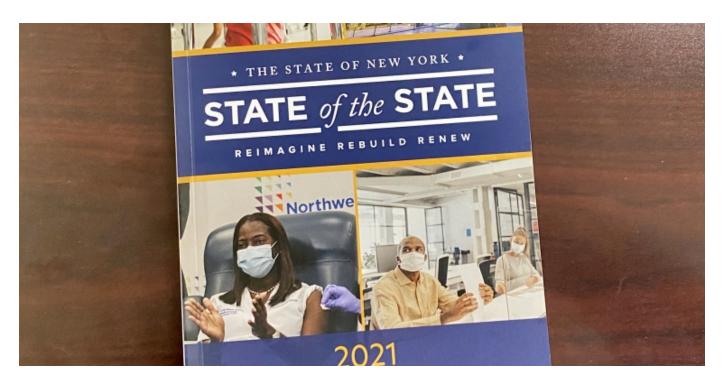


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ALBANY, 01/19/21 -- State Senator Peter Oberacker (R/C – Schenevus) today commented on Governor Cuomo's state budget proposal:

"As a small business owner, I am used to reviewing budget spreadsheets. Unfortunately today's presentation from the governor failed to include many of the details needed to truly assess his spending proposal. Blaming Washington for our woes and threatening lawsuits is not the best path forward.

"Help for small businesses, aid for our schools, and a real tax relief plan for our upstate homeowners are key to helping our state recover. I will be reviewing the governor's plan with an eye toward these and other key items that will restart our local economies.

"Tax credits for businesses and plans to improve broadband access are among the positives I did hear, but the specifics are what count. Infrastructure improvements are also sorely needed and upstate New York needs to receive a fair share of funding to improve our roads and bridges.

"I look forward to taking part in the upcoming budget hearings to fully review the governor's proposal and help develop a final plan that meets the needs of those I represent and establishes a strong foundation for our future."