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## A Message from Senator Alesi on the 2012-2013 State Budget

### ***Budget Achievements:***

- ☒ **On-Time**
- ☒ **Cuts Spending**
- ☒ **No New Taxes**
- ☒ **Creates Jobs**

## 2012-2013 New York State Budget



**“As Chairman of the Joint Budget Conference Committee on Economic Development, I was invited to join Governor Andrew Cuomo, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver and Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos on March 30, 2012, as Governor Cuomo signed the 2012-2013 State Budget. By working with Governor Cuomo, we passed a budget that cut overall state spending, closed a multi-billion dollar deficit without raising taxes, and spurred private-sector job growth. Most importantly, our budget achievements restored faith and credibility in state government.”**

~ Jim Alesi



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Dear Neighbor:

I am encouraged by the incredible progress that the State Legislature has made by partnering with Governor Cuomo.

**By working together:**

- we brought **property-tax relief** to millions of hardworking, middle-class families;
- we **cut income taxes for 4.4 million New Yorkers**, restructuring the tax code to its lowest rates in 58 years and dismantling billions of dollars in tax increases in previous years;
- we **cut overall state spending**, closed a multi-billion dollar deficit **without raising taxes**, created a regional approach to revitalizing our economy, and joined forces to spur private-sector **job growth** for long-term economic strength.

Most importantly, by working with Governor Cuomo, we **restored faith and credibility in state government**.



Senator Alesi presiding over the Joint Budget Conference Committee on Economic Development at the State Capitol.

As Chairman of the Joint Budget Conference Committee on Economic Development, I approached this year's budget negotiations with a sharp focus on **fiscal restraint**, **no new taxes**, and private-sector **job growth** that has become the blueprint for an historic state budget.

Several of this year's top economic initiatives, include: \$150 million – \$20 million more than last year – for the Economic Development Regional Councils to continue to rebuild our regional economies; nearly \$100 million to the New York Works Economic Development Fund and Jobs Now Program to support capital projects that create or retain private-sector jobs, or provide vital infrastructure improvements necessary to attract new businesses to New York State; \$5 million for the retention of military bases; and \$6.8 million for tourism, New York's second largest industry behind agriculture, for statewide programs and local initiatives.

For far too long, Rochester has played second fiddle to neighboring cities in Western New York. That is why **I used my position as Chairman to fight successfully in budget negotiations to make sure that Rochester now has its own Center for Excellence**. With our region's tremendous academic institutions, manufacturing base, and technical expertise, this was more than justified.

Already a hotbed of talent and technology in clean manufacturing and production, Rochester is in a unique position to capitalize on the economic development potential associated with sustainable manufacturing. Local manufacturers, like General Motors in Honeoye Falls, have been leaders in this field for years, and with the new Center for Excellence in Rochester, the high-tech, well-paying jobs offered at GM can be created elsewhere in Western New York.

The Regional Councils, the statewide initiatives, the Center for Excellence, and additional funding to the Monroe County Department of Economic Development and the Rochester Technology and Manufacturers Association for new initiatives aimed at job creation and retention, and long-term economic investment in our region, are all examples of **my commitment – with Governor Cuomo's partnership – to strengthen our economy and accelerate New York's return to economic prominence**.

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New York State Senator



Senator Alesi reviews Rochester's new Center for Excellence with Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos.

