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**Helping our Seniors**



**Restoring EPIC**

***“Our seniors have paid their dues.”***  
***~ Jim Alesi***

**Working with Governor Cuomo, we  
restored more than \$30 million to the  
EPIC Program.**





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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**, and spurred private-sector **job growth** with **another on-time budget**.

**Most importantly, by working with Governor Cuomo, this year's budget restores more than \$30 million to the New York State EPIC Program beginning in January 2013. This funding is crucial to helping our seniors on fixed incomes afford their prescription medication.** Previous changes to the EPIC program in recent years resulted in increased co-pays and caused significant hardships for our most vulnerable seniors. **That is why I approached this year's budget negotiations determined to restore EPIC funding** – to ensure that our seniors on fixed incomes have **reliable and affordable prescription medication coverage**.

If you are 65 or older, or are nearing your 65<sup>th</sup> birthday, you may be eligible for EPIC. For more information on eligibility requirements and coverage benefits, or for an application, please call the toll-free EPIC helpline at **1-800-332-3742** (TTY: 1-800-325-0778), or visit **health.ny.gov**. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my office. I enjoy hearing from my constituents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Jim'.

JIM ALESİ  
New York State Senator