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Dear Friend:

We recently passed the state budget in Albany. While the budget has some good and some less good, I wanted to share some great news:

You may remember that in February, I toured senior centers across the district to help fight proposed cuts to senior services in our community. Together, we got nearly 900 petition signatures against the cuts. **And we succeeded in protecting senior centers**, along with Assemblymember Yuh-Line Niou, LiveOn NY, and United Neighborhood Houses!

With your help, we protected \$17+ million for senior centers and other services that were on the chopping block. Your support helped make sure Albany understood how important senior centers are to our communities.

We also prevented funding gaps that could have forced Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORCs) to close.

There was also good news for **Settlement House** and **Community Services for the Elderly funding**.

I hope you will continue to stay involved by joining me at my annual Community Convention -- Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2-5 p.m. at Stuyvesant High School, 345 Chambers Street.

If you have questions or comments about this or other issues, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 212-298-5565 or 718-875-1517.

Sincerely,

Daniel Squadron

State Senator

26<sup>th</sup> Senate District