



SENATOR JIM ALESI



Community Update 11/16/11:

Senator Alesi Ranked as Top “Pro-Jobs Supporter” by Business Council



The **Business Council of New York State, Inc.** (<http://www.bcnys.org/>) recently released its 2011 **Voter’s Guide** (<http://www.bcnys.org/whatsnew/2011/111011voters-guide.htm>), which measures New York State Legislators’ commitment to improving the state’s economic climate and performance. I was pleased to be recognized as a top “Pro-Jobs Supporter” in the Legislature for the 2011 Legislative Session. Earlier this year, on behalf of Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos, I addressed dozens of business leaders from across the state at The Business Council's annual legislative meeting, and since then, I have worked closely with Governor Cuomo and Lt. Governor Bob Duffy to take bold and decisive action to get New York State moving in the right direction again and create a favorable environment for job-producing businesses to grow.

Each Legislator received a score reflecting their support for key business legislation during the 2011 Legislative Session including the following **legislation** (<http://www.bcnys.org/voter-guide/index.cfm>):

Responsible, Pro-Job Growth State Budget – The budget closed a \$10 billion deficit without raising taxes and eliminated a personal income tax surcharge.

Property Tax Cap – This legislation places a cap on the growth of local government and school property taxes at two percent, or the Consumer Price Index (CPI), whichever is less.

Medicaid Reform – Reduces Medicaid spending by \$2.8 billion and puts a cap on future Medicaid expenditures, taking the first steps to create a program that taxpayers can afford.

Recharge NY – A permanent program to reduce energy costs and taxes for small businesses and manufacturers so they can start to hire again.

Enhanced the Excelsior Jobs Program – To include expanded tax credits for the creation of new private sector jobs.

These measures will help move New York – especially Monroe County – in a positive direction toward economic growth, job creation and prosperity and I look forward to continue working with the Business Council and job-creating business throughout our communities.

East Rochester Veterans Day Ceremony



On Friday, I was honored to participate in the East Rochester Veteran's Day Ceremony sponsored by the East Rochester American Legion Post 1917 at Edmund Lyon Park. The East Rochester ceremony was just one of many wonderful opportunities throughout Monroe County to honor our Veterans.

With every new soldier that puts on his or her uniform and proudly stands in defense of our great nation, I am reminded of why we observe Veterans Day- to pause and reflect on the courage and sacrifices, both old and new, that will forever constitute the foundation of our freedom. Building on past efforts, I will continue my advocacy to ensure that those who fought in defense of our freedom receive the benefits and recognition that they rightfully deserve.

National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week November 12-20, 2011

During the week before Thanksgiving, many in our community reflect on the reasons for which they are thankful. This holiday is also an opportunity to show one's appreciation by donating time and resources to those less fortunate. In the spirit of Thanksgiving, please join me in setting aside some time to recognize National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week by donating either your time or food supplies. Click [here](http://www3.libraryweb.org/uploadedFiles/MCLS/Central/Departments/Information_Center/Monroe%20County%20Area%20Food%20Cupboards%202011.pdf) (http://www3.libraryweb.org/uploadedFiles/MCLS/Central/Departments/Information_Center/Monroe%20County%20Area%20Food%20Cupboards%202011.pdf) to view a list of Monroe County Area food cupboards, a list of drop-off locations and drop-off hours. I invite you to join me this week in lending your support and helping the less fortunate throughout our communities in any way that you can.

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