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April 5, 2011

Dear Senators,

I write this letter with great urgency and angst, having learned about the Republican proposal for the federal budget. As strong advocates for our state, I have no doubt about your commitment to protecting New York from massive cuts that bring down the hammer on our working families and middle class. I am particularly concerned about the impact cuts would have on my state senate district, especially in light of the painful budget our state recently passed.

The Republican plan – a \$5.8 trillion cut that punishes working families and seniors while helping corporations and the wealthy – is dangerous and misguided. Furthermore, it will harm communities like the ones I represent on a disproportionate basis.

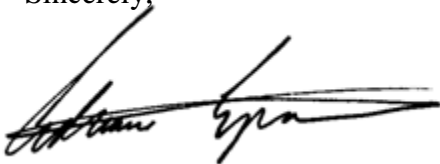
On one hand Republicans sound a fiscal alarm and use it as an excuse to slash Medicare and Medicaid; a long sought Republican move that would have severe consequences on the lives of seniors in New York and across the country. On the other hand the Republican proposal gives generous tax breaks to corporations, cutting rates by 10% despite the enormous impact this unfair giveaway will have on the deficit.

While this disingenuous push by the Republicans – spurred on by extremist Tea Party elements that are seemingly in control of the GOP – is bad for all Americans, it is simply devastating for the poor and the elderly. As a state senator who represents communities with unemployment rates that in recent times reached Depression Era levels, I am deeply troubled by the Republican budget proposal. This proposal comes on the heels of New York State Republicans' successful effort to strip the millionaire's tax from New York's budget and slash funding to our schools by over a billion dollars.

As champions of New York's working class and the elderly, I am confident you will continue to fight for New Yorkers. I ask that you please keep the communities I represent in mind as you take on Republican moves to destroy the middle class in favor of helping the corporate elite.

Please know that as you take on this fight on the federal level, I will continue to advocate for the vulnerable New Yorkers on a state-wide level. Thank you for your leadership. I look forward to continuing our close cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adriano Espaillat", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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New York State Senate
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