



SENATOR JIM ALESI

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SENATOR ALESI OPPOSES STATE BUDGET, WHICH RAISES TAXES AND FEES \$2.2 BILLION

On Tuesday, I voted against the 2010-2011 State Budget, which raises taxes and fees \$2.2 billion, and increases state spending 7.6%! These new taxes and fees are in addition to the more than \$10 billion in taxes and fees included in last year's disastrous state budget. At a time when Upstate business owners, homeowners and tax payers continue to re-evaluate and reduce their personal finances, our Downstate Democrat leaders in the Senate and Assembly again refused to acknowledge the economic conditions facing our state's economy, and instead, passed a budget that benefits New York City residents at the expense of Upstate tax payers.

PROPERTY TAX CAP PASSES SENATE

This week, I supported legislation (S.67005) to establish a property-tax cap on school district and local government tax levies. The cap would be the lesser of 4%, or 120% of the annual increase in the consumer price index, and the legislation is similar to legislation I co-sponsored and passed in 2008.

Without question, the rising costs of property taxes is the primary concern of my constituents and most New Yorkers. And with our state's current economic challenges, I favored a property-tax cap of 2.5%, which was proposed in an amendment to S.67005. Although the amendment was defeated, I voted for the 4% cap, which I believe would provide hardworking, overburdened tax payers much needed relief.

IRONDEQUOIT CELEBRATES NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4TH



Senator Alesi speaks with a member of Sea Breeze Fire Department

The Town of Irondequoit celebrated its annual National Night Out this past Wednesday night. Adults and children of all ages were able to receive an up-close, personal tour of emergency vehicles, as various police, fire and ambulance personnel were on hand. The rally, hosted by the Irondequoit Crime Prevention Coalition and Citizens' Police Academy Alumni Association, in cooperation with the Irondequoit Police Department, is an annual event where neighborhoods across Irondequoit, and throughout the nation, demonstrate their unity against crime. National Night Out aims to increase crime-prevention awareness, generate support for local anticrime programs, and strengthen police-community relationships. Thank you to all who attended this year's event in Irondequoit!

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