

THE SENATE STATE OF NEW YORK RANKING MEMBER CODES COMMITTEES CORPORATIONS, AUTHORITIES & COMMISSIONS FINANCE INVESTIGATIONS AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSPORTATION

Dear Friend:

I hope you are doing well and staying warm this winter.

It is budget season in Albany, and this year's initial proposals bring some **real risk for the senior centers in our community**. As you know, these are critical services -- and they rely on state funding.

Under the preliminary state budget proposal, **\$17+ million in state dollars would be redirected away from senior centers and other services -- without any replacement funds to fill the gap**. This could have significant impacts at centers like this one.

I am fighting to ensure senior centers and other crucial programs are fully funded -- but **I need your help**. In addition to directly sharing your feedback with me and your other elected officials, I am hoping you can **sign this petition to ensure senior centers are fully funded.** The petition can also be accessed on my website at squadron.nysenate.gov

I will keep fighting for our senior services, as well as for increasing funding for other important programs like Settlement Houses, NYCHA, and Community Services for the Elderly. I also hope you will join me at my annual Community Convention -- Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2-5 p.m. at Stuyvesant High School, 345 Chambers Street -- see the flyer on back for more information.

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