

THE SENATE  
STATE OF NEW YORK



GEORGE A. AMEDORE, JR.  
Senator, 46<sup>th</sup> District

January 17, 2019

The Hon. Andrea Stewart Cousins  
Temporary President and Majority Leader  
Room 330 CAP  
Albany, NY 12247

The Hon. John Flanagan  
Minority Leader  
Room 315 CAP  
Albany, NY 12247

Dear Senators Stewart Cousins and Flanagan:

I write to request a restoration of \$59.2 million to the Aid to Municipalities (AIM program) in the enacted 2019-20 New York State budget.

As you may be aware, earlier this week in his Executive Budget proposal, Governor Cuomo proposed a cut in aid to Towns and Villages whose AIM reliance is less than two percent. These cuts will be devastating to towns and villages, many of which have already voted on their budgets for the upcoming year and rely on this yearly aid to help with operational expenses and to provide much-needed services to their residents.

In the 46<sup>th</sup> Senate District alone, Towns and Villages are facing more than \$1.3 million in cuts. If this funding is not restored, our property taxpayers will ultimately pay the price.

I respectfully request that a complete restoration of AIM funding be included as the Senate drafts their own budget proposal and that the restoration of AIM remain a top priority for the final enacted budget. I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George A. Amedore, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

George A. Amedore, Jr.  
Senator, 46<sup>th</sup> District

CC: Hon. Andrew Cuomo, Governor