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2020-21 STATE BUDGET UPDATE



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THE 2020-21 NEW YORK STATE BUDGET: AN UPDATE FROM SENATOR GEORGE M. BORRELLO

Our state is in the midst of a public health crisis unlike anything we've seen before.

That is why I advocated for a transparent, bare-bones and "clean" budget, focused solely on fiscal matters and without policies that don't belong in a spending plan.

Regrettably, that isn't what was passed.

Instead, an agenda-driven budget was enacted that ignores the needs of taxpayers, cuts funding to schools, hurts small businesses and will negatively impact our already fragile economy.

Elements of the budget that prompted me to vote "NO" include:

- \$100 million for taxpayer-financed political campaigns;
- Elimination of local control in the siting for large-scale wind and solar projects;
- Unprecedented new powers for the Governor to make even more spending cuts;
- Cuts to education that will hurt schools' ability to meet student learning needs;
- Permanent sick leave mandates that will apply to even the smallest businesses and seasonal operations;
- A styrofoam ban that will raise costs for already hard-hit restaurants and hospitality businesses and threaten 2,000 mostly upstate jobs; and
- A bail reform 'fix' that lacks the number one provision that law enforcement experts agreed was most critical: restoration of judicial discretion.

As the 2020 Legislative Session continues, I will keep fighting for local taxpayers, struggling businesses and farms by supporting common sense policies that will help our economy recover and create the longer-term foundation for growth that we desperately need.