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March 22, 2020

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Executive Chamber
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Dear Governor Cuomo:

Although I am the newest member of the State Legislature, I've come here with a perspective informed by a decade of experience in county government and public service. That experience is helpful now as our state and communities are challenged by the unprecedented crisis created by COVID-19.

The difficult decisions being made to keep the people of New York safe have drastically impacted our lives and livelihoods. We are told that these changes are painful, but necessary.

In light of this crisis, I believe now is also the time for New York State government to make necessary changes. It is time to restore integrity to the state budget process by ending the practice of including policy items in the budget.

For years, good government groups as well as legislators in both parties have criticized the strategy of embedding political issues into the state's spending plan. It is a practice that needs to end entirely. But at the very least, we should suspend it from this current budget process so we can pass a reasonable and fiscally focused budget in as timely a manner as possible.

During this crisis, we should serve as an example to the people of this state by showing that we can set aside politics to work in their best interest. Now is the time to eliminate this undemocratic and non-transparent practice that taints the budget process and do what's best for the people of New York.

Let's pass a clean budget.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins
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NYS Senate Majority Leader
Room 907 Legislative Office Building
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NYS Assembly Speaker
Room 932 Legislative Office Building
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