

2016 BUDGET UPDATE



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A BRIEF RECAP OF THE 2016-2017 STATE BUDGET:

- ✓ New York's schools finally received lost funding from 2010 (Gap Elimination Adjustment).
- ✓ \$200 million for the Upstate Revitalization Initiative to improve the overall economy of upstate New York. Major focuses include advanced manufacturing, innovation, agriculture, clean energy, tourism, and community centers.
- ✓ \$150 million for the Regional Economic Development Councils (REDC).
- ✓ An additional \$25 million for heroin and opioid substance abuse services.
- ✓ \$123 million more to protect the environment.
- ✓ New middle-class tax cuts.
- ✓ Tuition freeze at SUNY and CUNY institutions for next year.

Unfortunately, the final budget FAILED TO INCLUDE:

- ✗ **ETHICS REFORMS**, despite public calls to end Albany's culture of corruption.
- ✗ **TRANSPARENCY**, as budget negotiations were conducted in secret.
- ✗ **THE VETERANS EQUALITY ACT**, despite promises made by Governor Cuomo.
- ✗ **THE \$50 MILLION WINTER RECOVERY FUND.**



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