



A Personal Message from
 New York State
 Assembly Minority Leader
Brian Kolb

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Dear Neighbor:

The past two Legislative Sessions have been some of the most successful in New York's history. Working together, we built upon the many achievements from last year and once again delivered the real change New Yorkers deserve.

The public policies I have championed resulted in fiscal accountability, responsible budgets, tax and unfunded mandate relief, a stronger economy and smart investments in New York's future. My agenda has moved our State government toward greater accountability, transparency and responsiveness.

While there is more to do and room for improvement, we are making progress for a better New York. Going forward, I will keep working hard to provide smart solutions and real leadership. Call me at (315) 781-2030 or e-mail me at kolbb@assembly.state.ny.us if I may ever be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Brian M. Kolb
 Assembly Minority Leader

P.S. Follow me on Twitter, find me on Facebook, and watch me on YouTube!

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Real Leadership,
 Smart Solutions for
 a Better New York



A Legislative Update from
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Serving as Assembly Minority Leader – one of only four Legislative Leaders in state government – Brian Kolb has delivered smart solutions and real leadership to chart a positive new direction for New York State.

Thanks to Brian Kolb, Albany is working again and the 2011 and 2012 Legislative Sessions were the most successful, bi-partisan and productive in New York's history.

Here's what Brian Kolb has delivered:

FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY, RESPONSIBLE BUDGETS

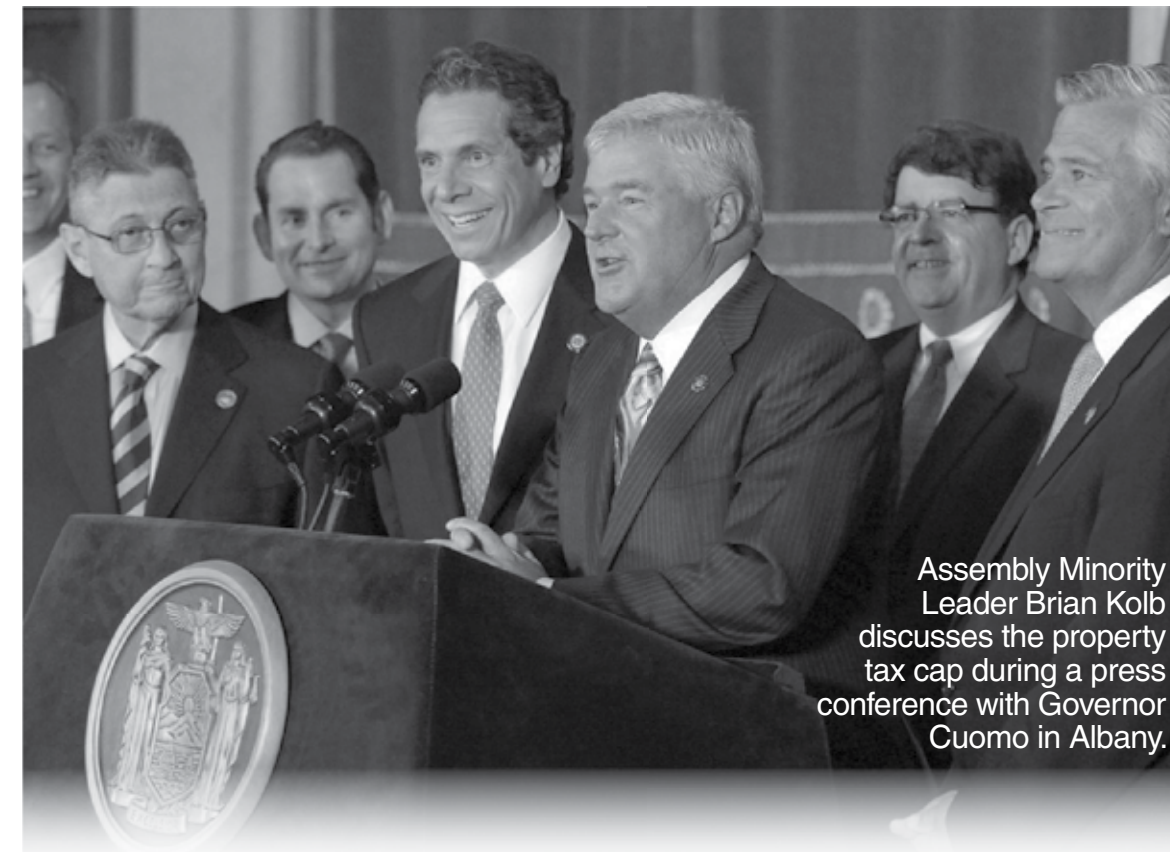
- ✦ Enacted two consecutive on time State Budgets – and the first early budget since 1983 – that cut Albany's wasteful spending and reduced State government's cost to taxpayers
- ✦ Closed \$13.5 billion in budget deficits over the past two years without increasing any broad-based State taxes, fees or surcharges
- ✦ Consolidated, eliminated or merged nearly 30 government entities to reduce State government's size and cost to taxpayers

TAX AND MANDATE RELIEF

- ✦ Opposed ALL tax, fee and surcharge increases, supported tax credits for businesses that hire unemployed workers and tax cuts to help families keep more of what they earn
- ✦ Enacted a 2% real property tax cap to help control the growth of local property taxes and provide relief to homeowners
- ✦ Required the State to begin a phased-in takeover of the increase in the local share of Medicaid to protect local governments and taxpayers

A STRONGER ECONOMY, SMART INVESTMENTS IN NEW YORK'S FUTURE

- ✦ Supported \$1 billion in funding to spur private sector job creation projects through the 10 Regional Economic Development Councils
- ✦ Championed \$1.2 billion in "New York Works" transportation funding to pay for road and bridge repairs, created a "lock box" for mass transit dedicated funds to ensure money for road and bridge renovations is not misspent by Albany politicians
- ✦ Increased community college State Base Aid funding to \$2,272 per student, increased State aid to school districts by \$805 million, for a total of \$20.3 billion, the first State aid increase in the last 3 years



Assembly Minority Leader Brian Kolb discusses the property tax cap during a press conference with Governor Cuomo in Albany.

After years of dysfunction, gridlock and scandal, Albany is working again. New York State is finally heading in a positive, new direction – and Brian Kolb's leadership has made the difference!

Brian Kolb has delivered a more accountable and responsive state government along with the real change New Yorkers have demanded. However, Brian knows the job of fixing Albany is not finished – more work remains.

That's why Brian Kolb will keep working to create more private sector jobs, stop Albany's unfunded mandates, deliver real tax relief and make New York a more affordable place to live, work, raise



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REAL LEADERSHIP, SMART SOLUTIONS
To Deliver a New Direction for New York