

NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Addressing the Budget Crisis: What Do You think? Take the Survey

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Below are some broad budget options as well as some specific proposals from the Governors budget. Please indicate what your general priorities are by checking the appropriate circles.

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Broad Budgetary Priorities Ordered by the Percentage of the Budget Made Up by these Programs (With 2010-2011 Proposed Budget Funding):

| | Maintain Spending | Cut Spending | Not Sure |
|--|----------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Health Care (\$50.3 billion) (50% Federal Match, Cut State, lose Federal \$) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| K-12 Education (\$24.5 billion) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Local Government Assistance (\$9.6 billion) (i.e., Aid and Incentives to Municipalities) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Capital Projects/Infrastructure (\$8.6 billion) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Higher Education (\$7.2 billion) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Employee Benefits (\$6.3 billion) (i.e., Pension, Health Care, Taxes) | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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|---|----------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Transportation (\$4.7 billion) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Local Welfare Assistance (\$4.7 billion) (i.e., Public Assistance, Child Care) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Executive Agency Budgets(\$4.7 billion) (e.g., Dept of Aging, Dept.of Environmental Conservation) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Corrections/State Police (\$3.1 billion) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| STAR Property Tax Rebates (\$3 billion) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Judiciary (\$2 billion) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Member Items (\$170 Million) | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| | Support | Oppose | Not Sure |
|---|---------|--------|----------|
| Increase income tax on high wage earners | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Increase business taxes | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cut refundable business tax credits | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Transfer Tax on stock transactions | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Commuter Tax | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Congestion Pricing | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Carbon Tax on Pollution | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Specific Proposals From Governors Budget (with Amount of Cut or Revenue Increase):

| | Support | Oppose | Not Sure |
|--|---------|--------|-------------|
| Decrease local school aid (\$1.1 billion) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Eliminate Aid and Incentives to Municipalities (AIM) funding for New York City (\$301 million) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cut Medicaid programs (\$1 billion) | 0 | Φ | 0 |
| Cut Environmental Protection Fund (\$79 million) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cut Tuition Assistance (TAP) grants for college students (\$33 million) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cut community college aid (\$56 million) | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| | Support | Oppose | Not Sure |
|--|---------|--------|-------------|
| Allow SUNY and CUNY to increase their own tuition by campus and program and reduce state funding (\$142.7 million) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Reduce funding for homeless services and supportive housing (\$69 million) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Delay implementation of increase to public assistance grant (\$14 million) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Across-the-board agency cuts (\$500 million) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Allow liquor stores to sell more products and allow sale of wine in grocery stores (revenue increase of \$250 million through franchise fees) | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| | Support | Oppose | Not Sure |
|---|---------|--------|-------------|
| Eliminate MTA payroll tax on sole proprietors earning less than \$100,000 (loss of \$29 million in revenue) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Increase MTA payroll tax in NYC (gain of \$453 million in revenue) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Decrease payroll tax in suburbs (loss of \$216 million in revenue) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tax on Sugared Sodas (Revenue increase of \$450 million) | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Other Ideas For Spending Cuts or Revenue Generation:

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