



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Statement From State Sen. Patrick M. Gallivan Regarding Governor Cuomo's 2013 State Budget Proposal

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*Review The Governor's Proposal Yourself: [openbudget.ny.gov](http://openbudget.ny.gov)*

“State government has been able to change direction the last two years largely because Albany has adopted a course of fiscal prudence. Today’s budget proposal demonstrates the Governor’s continued commitment to financial responsibility, keeping state spending growth below two percent while closing a \$1.35 billion budget deficit without proposing any new taxes.”

“I am particularly encouraged that the Governor identified agriculture and tourism – two industries vital to the economic future of Western New York – as targets of specific state investment. I will also be working through this year’s budget process to secure a more equitable share of state education funding for Western New York students, and to provide relief to local governments from the crushing burden of unfunded state mandates.”

“As I continue to review the Governor’s proposal and work with my colleagues in the Senate to advance additional priorities, I am hopeful that this year’s budget will again produce the tangible results hardworking New Yorkers expect and deserve.”