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## Senator Bill Larkin Calls for an End to the Gap Elimination Adjustment (Gea)

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Senator Bill Larkin (R-C, Cornwall-on-Hudson) and the Senate Majority Conference today called for the elimination of the notorious Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA) in the 2015-16 state budget.

Senator Larkin said: “Our public school districts have suffered long enough under the crushing financial burden of the Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA). I am pleased to join with my Senate Republican colleagues in calling for the elimination of the GEA and making it a priority issue during the upcoming budget negotiations. While we have restored more than \$1.6 billion in education funding since 2011, it is time to eliminate the GEA once and for all.”

The GEA was first imposed on New Yorkers in 2010 by former Governor David Paterson and the Democrats who controlled the Senate and Assembly. The entire Senate Republican Conference voted against the GEA because it created severe cuts to the bottom lines for public schools.