



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Statement From New York State Senator Rich Funke

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"The GEA represented the worst of Albany, robbing Upstate schools of funding they deserved simply to help politicians plug a budget gap of their own making. It was wrong, it cost districts in Monroe and Ontario counties over \$120 million, and it hurt students and teachers in the classroom in the process. Last year we dealt a blow to the GEA by cutting it in half and this year the Senate will take the lead on finishing the job. This has been a top priority of mine since day one, so I'm proud we're one step closer to giving local schools the full support they need to provide a job-ready education for students across our region."

To view the legislation in full, please visit:

<https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2015/s6377>