



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Senator Gallivan Urges Congressional Representatives to Reject Key Provision of Tax Reform Plan

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Senator Patrick M. Gallivan (R-C-I, Elma) is calling on Western New York's Congressional representatives to reject a provision of President Trump's recently announced tax reform plan. In a letter to Congressman Chris Collins, Congressman Brian Higgins, Congresswoman Louise Slaughter, Senator Charles Schumer and Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Gallivan raises concern about a proposal to eliminate the state and local tax deductions on federal returns. The write off is used by more than 3 million New York residents.

“Losing the deduction not only increases taxes on hardworking New Yorkers, it amounts to residents being-taxed twice,” Gallivan wrote. “Some reports indicate the loss of the deduction would cost the average resident \$4,500 more per year. The impact on middle and low-income residents would be especially devastating and could force more people and businesses to leave our state.”

While he supports efforts to lower taxes and reform the complicated tax system, Gallivan does not support changes that would result in residents paying more in taxes.

“As part of your review of this comprehensive plan, I urge you to reject this particular provision, which would penalize residents in Western New York and across New York State,” Gallivan wrote.