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## **Statement from NYCOM Executive Director Peter A. Baynes on the Senate Leadership Dispute**

“The time has come to put an end to the gridlock that has crippled the New York State Senate. Numerous bills are not being addressed which, if left to languish, will directly harm New York’s local governments and their taxpayers. The longer the stalemate goes on, the more uncertain local officials become about the stability of their budgets and the future of their communities. NYCOM commends Governor Paterson for his leadership in attempting to facilitate a resolution to this impasse. Now it is up to the members, as public servants, to settle their differences and do what they were elected to do – act in the best interest of all New Yorkers.”

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