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Statement from NYCOM Executive Director Peter A. Baynes on 2010-11 Executive Budget

“Governor Paterson is to be commended for his leadership in making the tough choices necessary to address a significant budget gap for the upcoming state fiscal year. Mayors, as fellow chief executives, empathize with this painful predicament. Much of the Governor’s budget displays a sensitivity to the dangers of shifting the state’s fiscal problems onto municipal property taxpayers and even goes a step further by including numerous mandate relief measures and several new or expanded non-property tax revenue options. NYCOM, however, strongly objects to proposed cuts in AIM funding, as this program is a key element to controlling municipal property taxes. Particularly hard hit under the Governor’s proposal is the City of New York, which would lose its entire AIM allocation. NYCOM will be seeking the support of the Senate and Assembly to restore this critically important funding, particularly at a time when local governments are under extreme fiscal stress.”

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