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Statement from NYCOM Executive Director
Peter A. Baynes Concerning Governor Cuomo’s 30-Day Amendment to AIM Elimination Proposal

"While we appreciate the fact that the Governor has acknowledged that the elimination of AIM funding would have serious implications for the State's villages and towns, his "restoration" of this $59 million is in reality a robbing of one property taxpayer to pay another. Rather than playing this shell game, New York State should be fulfilling its obligation to increase its investment in municipal aid and the property tax relief it will generate. Imposing a new mandate on counties to make up for the state's cut to villages and towns will only further harm New York's already overburdened taxpayers."

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