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Statement from NYCOM Executive Director Peter A. Baynes on Governor's Proposed Elimination of AIM Funding

"When it comes to local governments and the property tax, the Governor's budget fails to abide by its theme of 'justice,' as it would eliminate state aid for the vast majority of New York's smallest local governments. If the goal this legislative session is to enact progressive tax reform, it will not be achieved by cutting local aid and removing municipalities' ability to follow through on their goal to reduce the regressive property tax burden. We urge state legislators to join NYCOM in the fight to restore these cuts, preserve the essential municipal services funded by this aid, and protect New Yorkers from state-induced increases in the regressive local property tax."

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