

STOP STATE BUDGET CUTS

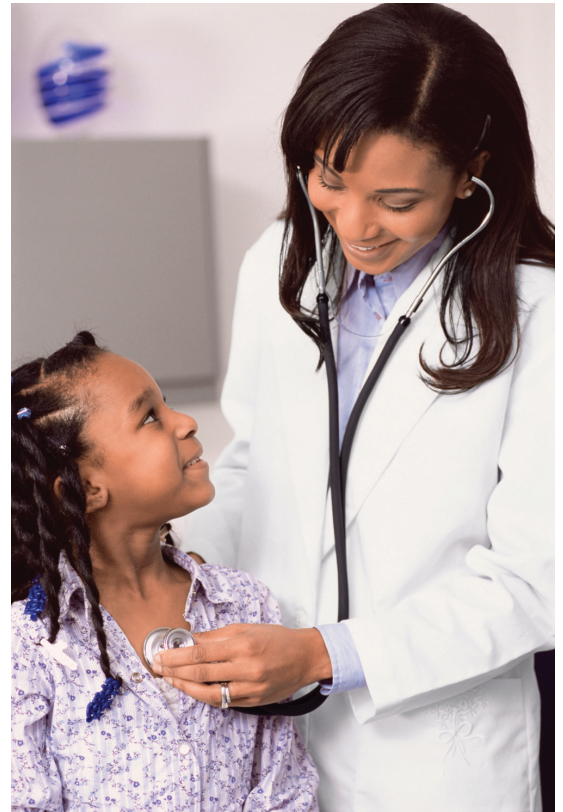
Governor David Paterson has proposed over \$1.7 billion in budget cuts that would devastate public services and the communities in need that we serve in New York City.

If the Governor's cuts are enacted by the New York State Legislature, they will hurt the thousands of families, children, seniors, youth, and especially the medically uninsured who rely on the quality services provided by city workers every day.

As a result of these cuts, New York City will lose nearly \$300 million in state Medicaid dollars, \$770 million in state aid to the public schools, and \$656 million in direct aid to the city. The Governor is also proposing a new Tier 5 pension for new public employees that would eliminate all the pension improvements we have achieved.

We must urge the Governor and the Legislature to halt cuts in critical safety-net services, increase revenue streams in a fair and balanced fashion, implement fair taxation and a millionaire's tax, use the rainy day fund and create public sector jobs for the future.

Please call Governor Paterson and your state representatives at 1-877-255-9417. Please sign the coupon below and return it to the DC 37 Political Action and Legislation Department.



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Dear Honorable Speaker Sheldon Silver:

I am writing to urge you to stop the cuts proposed by Governor David Paterson in his proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2009.

Governor Paterson's proposed cuts of \$1.7 billion in FY 2009 would be devastating to New York City residents. Over a five year period these reckless cuts could result in severe reductions to New York City and those in need of city services.

As a critical safety-net provider in health care delivery and a provider of critical services in education, and support services (e.g., substance abuse prevention and intervention), social services, housing, transportation, cultural institutions and libraries, New York City cannot afford to lose these funds.

The real solution to this problem are fair taxation and a millionaire's tax, use of the rainy day fund, increases in Medicaid funds, contracting-in of services to public sector workers, and job creation, particularly for Green Jobs.

Please support our effort to stop these cuts to protect the communities in need in your district and throughout New York City.

Sincerely,

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