

Hi, and thanks for this opportunity to express my opinion about how my state government spends its money!

Not that I don't like the Rochester area to get its fair-share of NYS revenues, but on the same page of the Rochester Democrat & Chronicle where I saw this invitation to write you to express my opinion...I see an article about a \$864,800 NYS grant to remodel the downtown shelter for the local Salvation Army shelter for chronically homeless men. Housing for 12 beds. Can I move in? Sounds pretty nice for \$800K, or else we are getting screwed.

I have been a NYS resident for all my 55 years, but I may have to move out when I retire (Nevada seems attractive to me & many other retirees) or move into that shelter BECAUSE STATE TAXES & STATE EXPENDITURES are out of control!!!!

Also, \$50 Million to tear down Midtown Plaza so a private company can build there? Again, its great for Rochester to get its share, but come on! You won't balance the state books doing that stuff.

Priority #1 - Don't spend \$ we don't have...we need to turn around this madness in this state. We NEED TO BE PATIENT that we can do all these things we want to spend \$ on if we wait & do them WHEN we are better prepared!

Unless you folks in Albany get your priorities straight soon...next time I write it maybe from a state where I will pay less taxes; and NYS won't be getting **any** of my local tax money

Thanks again for facilitating this expression of my opinion by providing this email address [budgethearing@budget.state.ny.us](mailto:budgethearing@budget.state.ny.us) to my local newspaper!

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