

Ladies and Gentlemen;

I am a Central New Yorker who has been active in community programs for well over 20 years. I am a strong advocate of retaining our existing community assets while attracting additional businesses and homeowners. To effectively do that, we must cut costs, cut waste, cut taxes, cut spending, and put our limited dollars in solid, effective programs that we trust and support. Our spending is out of control; we continue promising change, but we are plodding far too slowly to call it progress or "change".

I hoped to speak before you personally, but understand the opportunity has passed; therefore, I send you this e-mail.

I present just one case in point: Be blunt. Be brave. Slam the door on the entire New York State Empire Zone Program. Shut It Down Now. Create and legislate a fresh new program that will accomplish exactly what we want; and aggressively audit, fix and police it from Day One. The existing Empire Zone Program is irreparably broken; a terrible waste of New York dollars and a national embarrassment.

I urge each of you to work together to aggressively cut waste.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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