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March 2, 2021

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo  
Governor of the State of New York  
Executive Chamber  
NYS Capitol Building  
Albany, NY 12224

## Re: FY2022 Executive Budget Proposal

Dear Governor Cuomo:

I write today on behalf of the several hundred thousand members of the New York State Public Employee Conference, and all current and future retired public employees who may be impacted by the FY2022 Executive Budget proposal, which includes the following items:

- Cease reimbursement of the Medicare Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amounts (IRMAA) to high income State retirees and their dependents in the New York State Health Insurance Program (NYSHIP)
- Implement a sliding scale reimbursement of health care costs for future New York State civilian hires at retirement within the New York State Health Insurance Program (NYSHIP)
- Cap State reimbursement of the Standard Medicare Part B (Medical) premium paid to eligible retirees and their dependents in the New York State Health Insurance Program (NYSHIP) at the 2021 level of \$148.50 per month

Faced with living on a fixed income, and with their peak earnings years behind them, retired public employees who attain the age of 65 are automatically enrolled in Medicare. At this point in their lives, after having served the people of our great state for decades, the additional financial burden your initial proposal would place upon those who are affected by it is, at the very least, unwarranted.

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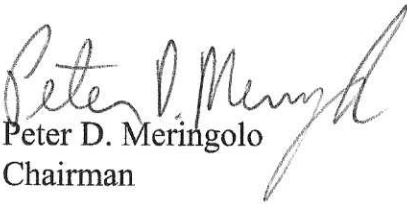
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Cognizant of the fact that this year's financial constraints are unprecedented, we nonetheless urge you to find savings elsewhere, as has been done in past budgets, and ensure that these items are removed from the finalized negotiated budget. The budget should not be balanced on the backs of our hard working and dedicated public employees, who served our citizenry so selflessly throughout their careers in public service.

Sincerely,

  
Peter D. Meringolo  
Chairman

cc: Abbate, P., Barclay, W., Gounardes, A., Heastie, C., Krueger, L., O'Mara, T., Ortt, R., Ra, E., Stewart-Cousins, A., Weinstein, H.