

**RESOLUTION AGAINST
NYS BUDGET PROPOSAL TO GIVE THE GOVERNOR POWER
TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THEIR DESIGNATED PURPOSES AND AGENCIES,
WITHOUT NEED FOR CONSULTATION OR APPROVAL.**

DOWNTOWN INDEPENDENT DEMOCRATS

- * The New York State budget contains a provision, repeated hundreds of times, giving the Governor the authority to move funds between state agencies after the Legislature has approved the budget without any legislative approval.
- * This would be a major expansion of the governor's authority at the expense of the Legislature and negate the relevance of the budget as enacted. It would lack any of the necessary checks and balances to constrain the misuse of this authority and invite the redirecting of taxpayers' money into environmentally damaging boondoggles that should never be built (some of which have been spoken of favorably by those who share this Governor's point of view).
- * Therefore Be It Resolved that Downtown Independent Democrats call upon the State Legislature to demand that the Governor remove intrusive paragraph from each instance wherein it is inserted.

Example of language we are requesting be removed:

"Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, for the purpose of planning, developing and/or implementing the consolidation of administration, business services, procurement, information technology and/or other functions shared among agencies to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of government operations, the amounts appropriated herein may be (i) interchanged without limit, (ii) transferred between any other state operations appropriations within this agency or to any other state operations appropriations of any state department, agency or public authority, and/or (iii) suballocated to any state department, agency or public authority with the approval of the director of the budget who shall file such approval with the department of audit and control and copies thereof with the chairman of the senate finance committee and the chairman of the assembly ways and means committee."

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