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Greetings from Albany---

As you may have read, tonight is the deadline to pass an on time budget. The Assembly is here in Albany waiting to see if budget bills will be presented to us so that we can pass a budget later tonight or early Saturday morning. For an on time budget both legislative chambers would have to pass the same bills by midnight tonight. If a budget agreement is not made by Wednesday, April 4th, the Senate and Assembly will have to pass budget extenders to ensure there is not a government shutdown.

So far the Assembly has only passed one budget bill, which was the bill to ensure that the state will continue to pay its debts. We are awaiting the presentation of further budget bills and will be working through the night on those bills.

Once the bills are presented they will have to be read and debated on the floor of each chamber. Under normal circumstances the bills would have to age for three days before they could be voted on, however the Governor may issue a message of necessity, which would allow us to vote on a bill before it has reached three days of maturity. Still it is unlikely that we will have an on time budget.

[The Assembly has been strong in advocating for a real Raise the Age bill where 16 and 17 year olds are diverted away from our criminal courts.](#) We have been advocating for fully funding Foundation Aid, which is why I have asked you over the last month to sign my petition to call on the Governor to fully fund our NYC Public Schools. Thanks to constituents like you, I was able to deliver over 1000 letters from the 44th AD to the Governor earlier this week calling on him to fully fund Foundation Aid.

The Assembly is also fighting to make sure that whatever affordable housing plan is agreed to truly creates real affordable housing with decent wages for the individuals who build that housing. Too often 421a and programs like it have been too friendly to large real estate developers and provided little return on affordable housing or guarantees for union construction.

[Please continue to make your voice heard by calling the Governor and the leaders of both legislative chambers on #raisetheage #foundationaid #restoretitleXXcuts #mansiontax and #electoralreform.](#)

For the last 6 years the State has had an on time budget. It is likely that this year the budget will not be on time and that budget extenders could be used to keep government open while the Assembly, Senate and Governor continue to negotiate the larger points of the general budget.

Look for budget updates on my [twitter](#) and [facebook](#) pages over the weekend and I look forward to hopefully seeing you around the neighborhood when I am back in Brooklyn next week.

Bobby