

PUTTING FAMILIES FIRST!

A Legislative Update from



Brian Koller Delivering Real Results That Put Families First

Brian Kolb knows that families are working harder and longer just to make ends meet in this tough economy. That's why Brian is leading the fight to reduce New York's high cost of living and make our state a more affordable place for families.

Here's what Brian Kolb has delivered:

- Enacted two consecutive on-time State Budgets

 and the first early budget since 1983 that cut

 Albany's wasteful spending and reduced State government's cost to taxpayers
- Closed \$13.5 billion in budget deficits over the past two years without increasing any broad-based State taxes, fees or surcharges
- Consolidated, eliminated or merged nearly 30 government entities to reduce State government's size and cost to taxpayers
- Enacted a 2% real property tax cap to control the growth of local property taxes and provide relief to homeowners
- Required the State to begin a phased-in takeover of the increase in the local share of Medicaid to protect taxpayers
- Increased State aid to school districts by \$805 million, for a total of \$20.3 billion, the first State aid increase in the last 3 years, and increased community college State Base Aid funding to \$2,272 per student



Going forward, Brian Kolb is working to:

- Make the 2011 Middle Class Tax Cut permanent
- + Enact a State Spending Cap
- Eliminate the State Sales Tax on gasoline, child car seats, bike helmets and personal hygiene products such as baby diapers, soap and toothpaste
- Provide a Personal Income Tax deduction for all interest paid on student loans and increase the current college tuition tax credit deduction from \$10,000 to \$13,820 and the maximum tax credit from \$400 to \$553

REAL LEADERSHIP, SMART SOLUTIONS To Fix Albany and Protect Taxpayers

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