



Protecting Taxpayers from Unfunded Mandates

A Legislative Update from

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Brian Kolb: LEADING THE FIGHT

Albany's Unfunded Mandates – the endless rules, regulations and requirements State government imposes on local governments and school districts – drive up local property taxes for homeowners and push many municipalities to the brink of bankruptcy.

Albany's Unfunded Mandates Hurt Taxpayers:

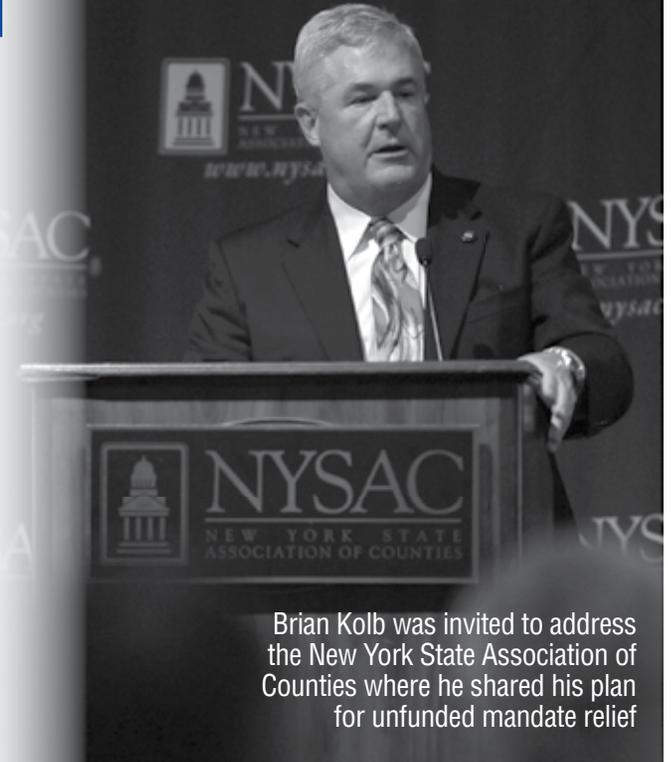
- ✘ 90 cents of every County property tax dollar goes to Albany to fund State mandates – that's local money being taken from local communities for local needs
- ✘ Local taxpayers spend \$7.3 billion to fund the Medicaid program, the nation's most expensive (New York spends more on Medicaid than Florida and Texas COMBINED)
- ✘ To pay for Albany's unfunded mandates, counties are eliminating long-term care services for seniors, veterans' services and many other services and programs

* Source: New York State Association of Counties, nysac.org

Assembly Minority Leader Brian Kolb has led the fight to stop Albany's unfunded mandates and protect taxpayers, local governments and school districts.

Here's what Brian Kolb has delivered:

- + Required the State to begin a phased-in takeover of the increase in the local share of Medicaid program costs to protect municipalities and taxpayers, the first step toward controlling Albany's Medicaid mandates
- + Sponsored the "Taxpayer Protection and Mandate Relief Act" – the most comprehensive unfunded mandate relief legislation ever introduced in Albany – to reduce mandate costs for localities, school districts and taxpayers



Brian Kolb was invited to address the New York State Association of Counties where he shared his plan for unfunded mandate relief

Going forward, here's what Brian Kolb is working for:

- + Freeze entire local share of Medicaid mandates at current level to prevent property tax hikes and further protect homeowners
- + Ban new unfunded mandates; suspend current mandates unrelated to health and safety
- + Require the State to reimburse local school districts for the expense of Albany's costly administrative mandates and streamline paperwork requirements

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