

Vote NO on Proposal One

Quick facts on the Runaway Spending Amendment

Its sponsors in the Legislature call it "The Budget Reform Amendment." But analysts and voters across New York State know *it's not real reform!*

- This amendment will not fix what's wrong with New York's budget process – politicians who are more interested in their own political power than doing what's right for the state.
- **All the "reforms" the Legislature talks about** — like two-year school aid, the creation of an independent budget office, moving the start of the fiscal year to May 1, and implementing a contingency budget — **can be done without a constitutional amendment.** The Legislature can pass these reforms at any time!
- It snuffs out the law that holds up the legislators' paychecks when the budget is late.
- It actually gives the legislators a strong incentive *never* a budget on time – because it gives them unprecedented control of the process, *only* if they're late! *Why would they ever pass an on-time budget again?*
- It's a solution to a problem that doesn't need to exist – the problem of late budgets. The Legislature can pass a budget any time they're *willing* to.
- Most important, there's a killer provision in here that they DON'T talk about: **A massive power grab by legislators and lobbyists that will allow spending and taxes to soar higher than ever.**

The Legislature has added \$12 billion to the governor's budget in the last 10 years. Give them total control of the budget, and it will mean one thing only:

**More spending, and higher taxes!
Is that what New York needs? You know the answer!**

Vote 'NO' on November 8.

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Does this sound like Budget Reform to you?

➔ It does not require that the Legislature pass an on-time budget.

➔ It gets rid of the requirement that lawmakers lose their paychecks when the budget is late.

➔ And if the Legislature fails to pass an on-time budget, the Assembly and the Senate take control of the budget-writing process.

➔ The Legislature has already added \$12 billion to the budget in just 10 years. More budget power for the Legislature means more spending, which means more taxes. Is that what New York needs?

**This November,
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on Proposal One - The
Runaway Spending
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