

New York's business community is not the government's bank, and the state budget is not its ATM card.

In the face of steadily worsening economic news, now is clearly **not the time** for significant increases in state spending and more than **a billion dollars** in new taxes and fees for New York businesses.

Yet that is **exactly** what the Governor's FY 2009 Executive Budget proposes.

Tough times call for tough choices, so New York State's business community is calling on the Governor and the Legislature to **face the facts** and enact a FY 09 budget that is fiscally disciplined and promotes **real economic growth** in every region of the state.



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