



TOWN OF NORTH COLLINS

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February 14th, 2019

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Honorable Legislator John Mills
Old Erie County Hall
92 Franklin Street 4th Floor Buffalo, NY 14202

Dear Honorable Legislator John Mills,

David J. Winter
Highway Superintendent
2982 Shirley Road
North Collins, NY 14111

The Town Board of the Town of North Collins, held on February 13th, 2019, in the North Collins Town Hall, 10569 Main Street, North Collins, Erie County, New York, the following resolution was offered:

Ellen M. Mathis
Councilman

WHEREAS Governor's Cuomo's proposed 2020 NYS Budget includes unprecedented cuts to unrestricted State Revenue Sharing program known as Aid and Incentives to Municipalities (AIM) in the amount of 49 million for all municipalities in the State of New York, effectively eliminating the program, and

Michael W. Perry
Councilman

WHEREAS this proposed cut would result in a loss of \$22,888 from the Town of North Collins' general budget, and

William Moritz
Councilmen

WHEREAS, funding has not been increased in the last several years as unfunded mandates and cost of Town and Village services have risen, and

Peter Robbins
Councilmen

WHEREAS, if these cuts go through, a shocking 91% of Towns and Villages will permanently lose their AIM funding, and

WHEREAS, incentives for shared services, consolidation, and infrastructure remediation directed by consent orders in no way replace the needed financial assistance to fund and manage the increasing costs of day to day services and capital projects needed in sustainable Town and Village planning and management, and

WHEREAS, the proposal to eliminate AIM funding unfairly punishes State residents, making financial planning aligned with the NYS Tax Cap virtually impossible and

WHEREAS, the Governor is proposing to make the Tax Cap permanent, discontinue the \$65 Million in Extreme Winter Recovery Program and proposes no increase for CHIPs funding, for which there has been widespread vocal support, and

WHEREAS, the proposal to eliminate AIM funding is not proactive, but a method to cut a small percent from the State Budget, yet a significant amount of revenue to Town and Village budgets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The Town of North Collins strongly opposes the elimination of AIM funding, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, the AIM funding benefits all of our residents not only in the Town of North Collins but throughout New York State and eliminating it could result in reduction of services, program cuts and layoffs. Every dollar that the State shared is a dollar that doesn't have to be levied on backs of local taxpayers, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to Honorable Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Honorable Senator Patrick Gallivan, Honorable Assemblyman David DiPietro, Honorable Legislature John Mills and Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz.

Motion was adopt was made by Supervisor John Tobia and seconded by Councilmen Ellen Mathis. Following an unanimous vote in favor of adoption, Supervisor Tobia declared and resolution duly adopted .

Sincerely,



Lynn M. DiVincenzo
North Collins Town Clerk