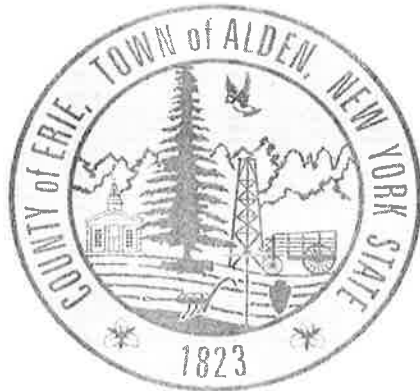


Office of the Alden Town Clerk



February 14, 2019

Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin St., 4th Floor
Buffalo, NY 14202

Re: Opposition of the elimination of AIM funding

To Whom it May Concern,

Enclosed please find a certified copy of the approved resolution passed by the Alden Town Board (in Erie County) opposing the elimination of AIM funding.

This resolution was unanimously approved at the Town of Alden's regular Town Board Meeting of February 4, 2019.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alecia Barrett".

Alecia Barrett
Alden Town Clerk

AEB/Enc. (1)

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY
COUNCILMEMBER _____, WHO MOVED ITS
ADOPTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER _____

WHEREAS Governor 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, effectively eliminating the program; and

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

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; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Alden strongly opposes
The elimination of AIM funding;

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to Honorable Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Honorable Speaker of the Assembly Carl E. Heastie, Honorable Senate Majority Leader Andres Stewart-Cousins, Honorable Republican Minority Leader John Flanagan, Acting Honorable Republican Minority Leader Joseph Griffo, Honorable Majority Leader of the Assembly Crystal People-Stokes, Honorable Minority Leader Of the Assembly Brian Kolb, and the Western New York Delegation and Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz and the Erie County Legislature.

The foregoing Resolution was duly put to a roll call vote at a regular meeting on February 4, 2019, as follows:

Councilmember Adamski	Aye	Nay
Supervisor Savage	Aye	Nay
Councilmember Pautler	Aye	Nay

APPROVED