



ACTION ALERT

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A non-profit tax-exempt organization representing New York City's community-based mental health sector.

COLA - DEPENDS ON YOU!

We are confident that the Assembly will be responsive to our issue in their one-house budget bill. However, that is only half of the equation; the Senate must be amenable to a COLA/trended increase for additions to the budget.

We must now direct our efforts toward select Senate Republicans about the need for a COLA/trended increase. Please contact the Senate Republicans below - FAX, write, e-mail - and stress the need for a COLA/trended increase. There is a sample letter attached.

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Dear Senator _____

I am writing to you as a [*provider/human service worker/consumer/friend of mental health*] and encourage you to support a cost of living and trended increase for the thousands of human services workers in the non-profit sector throughout the state.

During the years of government deficits, workers continued to deliver compassionate and quality care, even though State funding remained frozen. Now the State's financial condition is strong, enjoying its second consecutive year of healthy surplus. Human service workers who sacrificed during the lean times should share equally in the renewed prosperity of the State; these workers should be rewarded with a modest increase.

As you develop your budget priorities, please remember these workers and all those for whom they provide services.

Very truly yours,
