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Joint Statement from NYCOM and AOT on Senate and Assembly One-House Budgets

The following statement in response to the Assembly and Senate one-house budgets is attributed to New York Conference of Mayors Executive Director Peter Baynes and Association of Towns of the State of New York Executive Director Gerry Geist.

"We are encouraged by the one-house budgets released by the Assembly and Senate and hope that these serve as strong points of negotiation on issues affecting municipalities statewide. We are particularly pleased to see that both houses include increased AIM funding after nearly a decade of decreasing or flat state aid for our cities, towns and villages. We are equally pleased that lawmakers have heeded the call for additional CHIPS funding to address pressing local infrastructure needs. We also are optimistic that both houses recognize that making the municipal shared services initiative a permanent mandate is the wrong approach. We remain ready to partner with our state leaders on removing the barriers to the successful sharing of services. Finally, we are happy to see that the Legislature recognizes that the proposals concerning statewide regulation of small cells and code enforcement related to lead paint mitigation would do more harm than good. Municipalities across this state will continue discussions with state leaders on our entire agenda and look forward to a positive budget for all New Yorkers."