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Joe continues to fight to improve the quality of life in the 3rd Assembly District. This year the Legislature passed a contentious budget which included some desperately-needed funding.

RECOVERING FROM COVID-19

- \$200 million in Pandemic Emergency Assistance to provide additional public benefits to essential workers¹
- Creating a \$35 million Restaurant Return-to-Work tax credit through the Pandemic Recovery and Restart Program³

INVESTING IN SMALL BUSINESS RECOVERY

- \$800 million for the COVID-19 Pandemic Small Business Recovery Grant Program¹
- \$25 million for the New York Restaurant Resiliency Grant Program¹
- \$600 million for the Small Business Credit Initiative Program¹

HELPING OUR RENTERS AND HOMEOWNERS

- \$2.45 billion Emergency Rental Assistance Program for individuals in rental arrears as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic^{1&4}
- \$600 million for the Homeownership Relief and Protection Program, designed to prevent mortgage issues and loss of utility/home energy services¹

INVESTING IN EDUCATION

- \$29.05 billion in total state support for School Aid¹
- 19.8 billion in Foundation Aid for schools¹
- \$1.07 billion for the Tuition Assistance Program¹
- \$938.6 million for Universal Pre-K⁴
- \$94.1 million for Library Aid¹

FIXING ROADS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- \$538.1 million for CHIPS funding to repair, repave, and rebuild local roads and bridges²
- \$100 million for Extreme Winter Recovery²
- \$100 million for BRIDGE-NY²
- \$150 million for PAVE-NY²
- \$130 million for the Office for Storm Recovery, this funding is to continue projects and initiatives to recover from Hurricane Irene, Tropical Storm Lee, and Superstorm Sandy.

HONORING VETERANS

- \$55 million for the Long Island Veterans Home⁵
- \$6.4 million for the Blind Veteran Annuity Assistance Program¹
- \$5 million for the PFC Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Program¹
- Extended the Hire-A-Vet tax credit for one year³

JOE VOTED AGAINST INCREASING TAXES by more than \$3.7 billion in 2022 and \$4.4 billion in 2023⁶, as well as a \$2.1 billion stimulus fund for undocumented immigrants, which includes a maximum payment of \$15,600 PER PERSON.⁷

Relevant legislation (1) A.3003-C (2) A.3004-D (3) A.3009-C (4) A.3006-C (5) A.3000-D (6) A.3009-C (7) A.3009-C

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