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Comptroller Antonacci Voices Support for Senator DeFrancisco

Syracuse, NY – Onondaga County Comptroller Robert E. Antonacci praises Senator John DeFrancisco's leadership in this year's budget process. "New York continually earns the top spots in all the wrong categories, highest taxes, most regulation, and worst business climate. Only by ending the status quo in Albany can we hope to change New York's direction, and Senator John DeFrancisco is the one challenging Albany," said Antonacci.

Senator John A. DeFrancisco, potential 2018 candidate for New York Governor, is being credited with a tougher approach to this year's budget negotiations. "The Governor has continually asked more and more of New York taxpayers and taxpayers have voted with their feet. (http://www.newyorkupstate.com/northern-ny/2017/03/jefferson_countys_population_decline_is_second_worst_in_america.html) Thirty years ago a Post-Standard Headline read 'New York Near Top In Taxes, Spending, Census Bureau Says'. The Governor's proposed budget has done nothing to address New York's well-worn and well-earned reputation. I am proud Sen. DeFrancisco is standing up for the taxpayers," said Antonacci.

When asked what Antonacci would like to see in the State Budget, he responded with Medicaid reform. "When confronted with the possibility of having New York State pay for its Medicaid program, the Governor's first reaction was to raise state taxes, his second reaction was to ask for more money from taxpayers through their federal taxes. Never once did he consider reforming Medicaid and bring New York's program in line with the other forty-nine states. New York could cut \$15 billion and still spend more per capita than any other state! So I would like to see this opportunity used to get Medicaid reform in the State budget," said Antonacci.

"We need more people in State government like Senator DeFrancisco," said Antonacci. "Senator DeFrancisco is standing up to the me-too mentality in Albany and is fighting for commonsense solutions. It is about time someone in Albany shows there is a different way," concluded Antonacci.

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