

# KEEP THE STATE IN OUR STATE UNIVERSITY

## The Proposal:

*The Governor proposes language to alter the relationship between SUNY and the State government by giving SUNY greater authority to enter into contracts and leases and to buy and sell real estate and enter into “public-private partnerships” without prior review by the Comptroller, Attorney General or the Legislature.*

## The Problem:

*This proposal goes too far in removing oversight and accountability. The review of contracts for services by oversight agencies like the Comptroller and Attorney General exists for a good reason – to make sure that the public interest is protected. We need more openness in government spending, not less.*

## The Solution:

*The legislature should amend S2808/A4008 by deleting Part D. A more limited version of flexibility for SUNY should be considered.*

- *The proposed language is so broad it could lead to unanticipated results that could alter SUNY’s operation without real public input. For example, parts of SUNY campuses could be leased out to private operators, or SUNY professional employees could be replaced by contractors.*
- *Power to approve this would rest with an “Asset Maximization Board” elected by no one and accountable to nobody.*
- *SUNY has never demonstrated the need for this proposal. If it has good projects that will serve the public interest and boost the economy, it should put those projects forward openly for a review on the merits.*
- *SUNY can help build a better New York for all, but a public university needs to be open and accountable to the public.*



# SAVE OUR SUNY HOSPITALS

**SUNY Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn**

**SUNY Upstate Medical University in Syracuse**

**SUNY Stonybrook University Medical Center in Suffolk County**

**The Governor's budget eliminates all of the state support  
for SUNY's three medical centers.**

**This \$154 million cut in state funding will be in addition to  
Medicaid cuts that will affect all hospitals in the state.**

**Health care services, medical education and research will be affected.**

**Thousands of nurses and other health care workers may be laid off.**

**FACT**

Medical research and education is a major positive factor in New York's economy, bringing in millions of dollars a year of economic activity that creates jobs in both public and private industry.

**FACT**

The SUNY medical centers are major anchors in the economy of their local communities. SUNY Upstate is the largest employer in Onondaga County and SUNY Stonybrook is one of the largest employers in Suffolk County.

**FACT**

Laying off workers at the SUNY medical centers will harm their local economies, leading to further job losses in private businesses in these communities.

**Let's make a choice we can be proud of — create jobs, not layoffs.  
Restore state support for SUNY's three hospitals.**



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