

RE: Budget Items
Retiree Health Insurance

Dear _____ :

The Retired Public Employees Association (RPEA) has informed me that the Governor's budget contains provisions which will cut the benefits I currently receive as a Medicare eligible retiree member in the New York State Health Insurance Plan. Medicare premiums went up as of January 1, but the Governor wants to cut back the reimbursement rate, to last year's level, so as not to reflect this recent increase. Secondly, he wants to eliminate the additional payments that are made pursuant to the Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA).

As a constituent, I request that you remove these items from the budget. The Legislature has not supported similar proposals in the past and I hope that I can count on you to do so again.

Sincerely,
(Your Name)
(Address)