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Statement by Sarah Ravenhall, Executive Director of the New York State Association of County Health Officials Regarding the SFY 2021-2022 State Budget

“Every year the scope of responsibilities for local health departments grows larger, increasing associated costs and the need for additional resources. COVID-19 has served as a powerful example of what can arise, and of the essentiality of public health preparedness. We are therefore grateful to the Legislature and the Executive for restoring the millions of dollars of cuts initially proposed in the Executive Budget proposal. Our advocacy will continue to focus on the imperative to provide our public health infrastructure with the support necessary to be prepared for all threats to public safety and health. We therefore look forward to a continued partnership with our champions in state government to fulfill and maintain that critical goal.”

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