

# Help Create Real Jobs!

## Support the Elimination of The Empire Zone Program

New York State's Empire Zone program was created to stimulate economic growth through a variety of tax incentives designed to attract new businesses to New York and to enable existing businesses to expand and create more jobs. Although good in theory, the Empire Zone Program has proven to be ineffective and fraught with abuse, and the Better Choice Budget campaign has advocated its elimination for years.

**The Empire Zone program should be allowed to sunset in 2010 as currently scheduled. When fully phased out, this will save the state approximately \$600 million per year.**

The governor states that the new program that he is proposing as a replacement for the Empire Zone program is more effectively linked to job creation than the current program. The need for such a new program is questionable given the existence of the state's extensive network of local Industrial Development Agencies (IDAs), which are themselves in need of significant reforms.

**There is a better choice.**

**Do the right thing for our state.**

**Eliminate the Empire Zone Program!**

*A Message from the Better Choice Budget Campaign (see back for list of organizations)*

