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Subject: TO ALL SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Today's Committee Meeting: S.7408-A -- state reimbursement of district attorney salary increases

TO ALL SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS –

TABLING, IF NOT VOTING DOWN, S.7408-A – STATE REIMBURSEMENT OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY SALARY INCREASES

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There is NO evidence that district attorney salary levels, raised by reason of the statutory-link as recently as 2014, 2013, and 2012, are inadequate – or that they became inadequate at any time in the 12 year span from 1999 through 2011. Did any of the counties suffer from an insufficient pool of qualified district attorney candidates because of salary? Indeed, didn't incumbent district attorneys repetitively seek re-election, as for instance, current incumbents Onondaga County District Attorney William J. Fitzpatrick; Warren County District Attorney Kate Hogan; Orleans County District Attorney Joseph V. Cardone; Schenectady County District Attorney Robert Carney; Dutchess County District Attorney William Grady?

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