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A Statement from the Authorities Budget Office

The New York State Authorities Budget Office (ABO) applauds the signing by Governor Cuomo of two bills that dissolve 123 public authorities throughout New York.

Through its work with the Governor's Office, Ira Millstein, the Commission on Public Authority Reform, and the Legislature, the ABO identified more than 160 public authorities that exist in statute, but have ceased all activities, have no assets or liabilities, do not have a constituted board of directors, or were never officially formed by the municipality for whose purpose it was authorized.

With the cooperation of chief sponsors Senator Ranzenhofer, Senator Martins, Assemblyman Brennan, and Assemblyman Magnarelli, the ABO drafted legislation to officially dissolve these entities. These legislators, and the members of both houses who supported passage of both bills, are to be congratulated for their strong commitment to reducing the size and cost of government.

The elimination from state law of the 123 authorities referenced in these bills represents a significant step forward in reforming the vast and archaic web of public authorities in New York. The ABO will propose additional legislation in 2013 to dissolve similarly defunct and unnecessary authorities that were not included in these bills.

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Andrew M. Cuomo - *Governor*

Governor Cuomo Reduces Size of Government by Signing Bills to Eliminate More Than 120 Inactive Local Authorities and Agencies

Albany, NY (August 16, 2012)

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today signed two bills that will eliminate 28 local public authorities and 95 urban renewal and industrial development agencies that are inactive or no longer needed.

"Since taking office, my administration has worked to make government more efficient and accountable to taxpayers, including doing more with less and finding ways to reduce the costs facing localities," Governor Cuomo said. "Given that these authorities and agencies no longer serve the public interest, it only makes sense to do away with them for good. I thank the bill sponsors for their work on these two bills."

The two bills (A. 10288-A / S.5198-D and A. 8823-A / S. 5227-B) repeal the statutory authorization for approximately 95 urban renewal and industrial agencies and 28 local public authorities that are either defunct, were never ultimately established by local law, or are no longer needed to carry out the public function for which they were formed.

The affected agencies and authorities have no outstanding debt or other obligations. The law transfers the eliminated entities' remaining books, records, and rights to the municipality where each is located.

Both laws take effect in 60 days.

Senator Michael H. Ranzenhofer, sponsor of S.5198-D, said, "This is another victory for New York State taxpayers. For years many of these authorities have been defunct and not serving the residents of New York State. This law is an important step toward simplifying State government and

eliminating wasteful and duplicative state agencies. I appreciate the Governor's swift action to sign this bill into law."

Senator Jack M. Martins, sponsor of S. 5227-B, said, "During these difficult economic times, as we seek accountability from all levels of government, it makes sense to eliminate layers of government that are no longer necessary and consolidate their responsibilities in our counties, towns, and villages. I want to thank the Governor for his continued leadership in partnering with us to right-size government."

Assembly Member Jim Brennan, sponsor of A. 10288-A, said, "This bill was a joint effort between the Governor, the Authorities Budget Office, the Comptroller, members of the Legislature, and local governments to carefully extinguish dozens of defunct public authorities. It also ensures that any remaining responsibilities are returned to local government. I appreciate the Governor's continued leadership in streamlining state government."

Assembly Member William Magnarelli, sponsor of A. 8823-A, said, "As Chair of the Assembly's Local Government Committee, one of our priorities has been to dissolve IDA's and other authorities that are no longer legally functioning. I support Governor Cuomo's efforts to streamline New York State's government agencies to foster better efficiency and effectiveness. This bill accomplishes the first step in eliminating inactive public authorities. In addition, this bill would advance the State's effort to maintain an accurate inventory of agencies, and abolish unnecessary sectors of local government."

The agencies and authorities eliminated by the laws signed today include:

Sloatsburg Urban Renewal Agency
Beacon Community Develop Agency
Norwich Urban Renewal Agency
Nyack Urban Renewal Agency
Peekskill Community Development Agency
Mount Kisco Urban Renewal Agency
Island Park Urban Renewal Agency
Ellenville Urban Renewal Agency
Hornell Urban Renewal Agency
Washingtonville Urban Renewal Agency
Mamaroneck Urban Renewal Agency
Plattsburgh Urban Renewal Agency
Woodridge Urban Renewal Agency
Potsdam Urban Renewal Agency
Lancaster Urban Renewal Agency

Gouverneur Urban Renewal Agency
Clayville Urban Renewal Agency
Walden Village and Renewal Agency
Ilion Urban Renewal Agency
Village of Penn Yan Renewal Agency
Village of Pawling Urban Renewal Agency
Newburgh Community Develop Agency
Baldwinsville Urban Renewal Agency
Village of Hamburg Urban Renewal
Saranac Lake Urban Renewal Agency
Tuckahoe Urban Renewal Agency
Palmyra Urban Renewal Agency
Newark Urban Renewal Agency
Salamanca Urban Renewal Agency
Village of East Rochester Urban Renewal Agency
Auburn Urban Renewal Agency
Village of New Paltz Renewal Agency
Ogdensburg Urban Renewal Agency
Long Beach Urban Renewal Agency
Village of Hilton Urban Renewal Agency
Village of Liberty Urban Renewal Agency
Village of Lyons Urban Renewal Agency
Dolgeville Community Development Agency
Town of Walkkill Urban Renewal Agency
Village of Greenport Industrial Development Agency
Thomaston Urban Renewal Agency
Watertown Urban Renewal Agency
Fallsburg Urban Renewal Agency
Village of Geneseo Urban Renewal Agency
Town of Bethlehem Urban Renewal Agency
Village of Massena Urban Renewal Agency
Watervliet Urban Renewal Agency
New Rochelle Urban Renewal Agency
Village of Fort Edward Urban Renewal Agency
Dunkirk Urban Renewal Agency
Village of Monticello Urban Renewal Agency
Village of East Syracuse Urban Renewal Agency
Village of Catskill Urban Renewal Agency

Village of New Hartford Urban Renewal Agency
Village of Hudson Falls Urban Renewal Agency
Village of Webster Urban Renewal Agency
Rensselaer Urban Renewal Agency
City of Cohoes Urban Renewal Agency
Village of Lynbrook Urban Renewal Agency
Oswego Urban Renewal Agency
Yorktown Urban Renewal Agency
Village of Warwick Urban Renewal Agency
Town of Guilderland Urban Renewal Agency
Village of Whitehall Urban Renewal Agency
Town of Colonie Urban Renewal Agency
Village of Fayetteville Urban Renewal Agency
Village of Waverly Urban Renewal Agency
Village of North Syracuse Urban Renewal Agency
Village of Fredonia Urban Renewal Agency
Village of Canajoharie Urban Renewal Agency
Town of Orangetown Community Development Agency
Village of Greenport Industrial Development Agency
Town of Queensbury Industrial Development Agency
City of Beacon Industrial Development Agency
Town of East Greenbush Industrial Development Agency
Deerpark Industrial Development Agency
Town of East Hampton Industrial Development Agency
Town of Carmel Industrial Development Agency
Town of Oyster Bay Industrial Development Agency
City of Watervliet Industrial Development Agency
Town of Schodack Industrial Development Agency
Village of Horseheads Industrial Development Agency
Village of Lake Placid Industrial Development Agency
Village of Keeseville Industrial Development Agency
Town of Horseheads Industrial Development Agency
Town of Dryden Industrial Development Agency
Troy Urban Renewal Agency
City of Oneida Industrial Development Agency
Town of Liberty Industrial Development Agency
Village of Monticello Industrial Development Agency
Kent Industrial Development Agency

Woodridge Industrial Development Agency
Town of Fallsburg Industrial Development Agency
Town of Southampton Industrial Development Agency
Town of Altamont Industrial Development Agency
Amsterdam Parking Authority
Monroe Regional Parking Authority
Johnson City Parking Authority
Hudson Parking Authority
Elmira Parking Authority
Peekskill Parking Authority
Fulton Parking Authority
City of Troy Parking Authority
Port Jervis Parking Authority
Utica Parking Authority
Owego Parking Authority
City of New Rochelle Parking Authority
City of Poughkeepsie Parking Authority
Village of Spring Valley Parking Authority
City of Long Beach Parking Authority
City of North Tonawanda Parking Authority
Salamanca Hospital District Authority
Salamanca Indian Lease Authority
Long Island Job Development Authority
Historic Rome Development Authority
Center Authority of Glens Falls
Multitown Solid Waste Management Authority
Broome County Resource Recovery Agency
Brookhaven Resource Recovery Agency
County of Essex Solid Waste Management Authority
Greater Troy Area Solid Waste Management Authority
City of Peekskill Civic Center Authority
County of Chautauqua Sports, Recreation and Cultural Authority

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