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In Response to the Governor's Budget

Michael Hein, County Executive-elect announced today the following response to the Governor's Budget, "In recognition of the economic crisis facing New York State, the Governor is showing bold leadership in incredibly difficult times. That being said, there is significant pain for the counties included in this budget, especially within the Department of Social Services, Golden Hill Health Care Facility and the County's Health Department. We are currently in the process of analyzing the full impact of this budget proposal on the people of Ulster County and will oppose any potential cost shifting included in this budget. Cost shifting occurs when the burden of paying for a program is simply pushed from the State to the County taxpayer. In the event of any cost shifting, I am committed to providing our State representatives with the tools necessary to fight these cost shifts. I am confident they, too, oppose cost shifts recognizing we all serve the same taxpayers.

I, as the County Executive-Elect, along with the NYS Association of Counties, look forward to working with the Governor and our State representatives to bring innovative government reform forward during these challenging economic times.

All sectors and geographical areas have been affected statewide."