

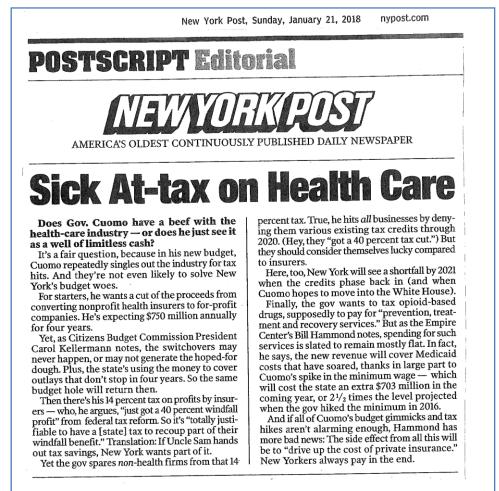
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ICYMI—In Case You Missed It

Date:	January 22, 2018
To:	New York State Senate and Assembly
From:	New York Health Plan Association
Re:	ICYMI – New York Post Editorial

The New York Post editorial yesterday asked a valid and very important question: **Does Gov. Cuomo have a beef** with the health-care industry — or does he just see it as a well of limitless cash?



With the state facing a budget deficit of as much as \$4.4 billion, the Governor's budget proposal would impose new taxes, assessments, fines and penalties on health plans of more than \$1 billion — fully one quarter of the budget gap. While we recognize the significant fiscal challenges facing the state, "fixing" the state's budget should not fall largely on just one industry.

As you begin this year's budget discussions, the New York Health Plan Association (HPA) calls on you to be fair and balanced. We look forward to working with lawmakers to help ensure New Yorkers have access to quality, affordable health care.