

ALBANY LETS BILLIONS SLIP THROUGH ITS FINGERS

Tax Dollars We Need for Vital Services Go Uncollected

Every year, Albany continues to let billions in tax dollars slip through its fingers, because New York fails to collect excise taxes on cigarettes sold through Native American reservations to non-tribal members.

In today's budget crisis, we need every penny to help provide vital services like education, health care and public safety.

But unlike most other states, New York looks the other way while reservation outlets sell over 200 million untaxed packs a year — *about the same volume of cigarette sales as the entire State of Massachusetts.*

The state loses revenue. Retailers lose sales. Their employees could even lose

jobs. And it adds to the burden on hard-working taxpayers.

With New York facing a \$9 billion budget deficit, it's time to enforce the law and start collecting these taxes. Before Albany cuts services or raises taxes, the state must close this enormous tax loophole.

New York should enact S.6985/A10128 which would impose a deadline on the Department of Tax and Finance to enforce the law and collect the tax on cigarettes sold through tribal reservations.

It's only fair. It's only right. And it's the best way to collect revenue without cutting vital services or raising new taxes.

Contact your legislators by calling 877-893-4882 or visit www.CollectTheTaxNY.com and speak out for tax fairness.
