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MEMORANDUM IN OPPOSITION

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LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: S.2007/A.3007 – PART G

TITLE: Enacts into law major components of legislation necessary to implement the state health and mental hygiene budget for the 2015-2016 state fiscal year.

REASONS FOR OPPOSITION: The **New York State Pipe Trades Association** representing 30,000 members who perform plumbing, steam fitting HVAC and fire protection installation throughout the sixty-two counties of our state, from Niagara Falls to Montauk, **Strongly Opposes** Budget Bills A.3007/S.2007- Part G.

While the New York State Pipe Trades Association strongly supports the New York Health Exchange and the expansion of access to health care that it affords, this proposal has the potential to actually diminish benefits for too many workers.

The current proposal funds the exchange with an assessment on health insurance policies, other than those are self-funded. This will make it more expensive and difficult for many employers to provide health insurance and more costly for workers to afford it.

This is the exact opposite of how we should fund health insurance for those who lack it. Instead, the legislature should examine how to assess employers that do not provide health insurance for their workers.

For the above reasons, the New York State Pipe Trades Association **Strongly Opposes** S.2007/A.3007- Part G.