



**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS AND GOVERNMENT
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LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SUBJECT: New York State's Response to Federal Government Shutdowns

PURPOSE: To gather information on past actions and potential future actions by the State to respond to lapses in Federal appropriations

New York City
Senate Hearing Room
250 Broadway, 19th Floor Hearing Room
New York, NY
October 29, 2019
11:30 a.m.

Once rare, lapses in Federal appropriations have been occurring with greater frequency and duration. In addition to imposing financial burdens on Federal workers and contractors, the 35-day government shutdown of 2018-2019 also threatened public services, from air traffic safety to tax refunds to food stamps. The purpose of this hearing is to gather information on the response to recent Federal shutdowns by New York and other jurisdictions, to determine what additional helpful measures might be undertaken in the future, and to take testimony on whether New York State should have a formal process for shutdown contingency planning.

People wishing to present pertinent testimony at the above hearing should complete and return the enclosed reply form as soon as possible. It is important that the reply form be fully completed and returned so that people may be notified in the event of emergency postponement or cancellation.

Prepared oral testimony will be limited to ten minutes. In creating an order of witnesses, the Commission and Committees will attempt to accommodate individual requests to speak at particular times in view of special circumstances. These requests should be made on the attached reply form or communicated to Committee staff as early as possible.

Ten copies of any prepared testimony should be submitted at the hearing registration desk. The Committee would appreciate receiving prepared statements in advance. In order to further publicize this hearing, please inform interested parties of the Chairs' interest in hearing testimony from all sources.

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- I plan to attend the hearing on “New York State’s Response to Federal Government Shutdowns” to be conducted by the Senate Committee on Investigations and Government Operations, the Assembly Committee on Governmental Operations and the Legislative Commission on Government Administration on October 29, 2019.
- I plan to testify at the hearing. My prepared testimony will be limited to 10 minutes, and I will answer any questions which may arise. I will provide 10 copies of my prepared statement.
- I will address my remarks to the following subjects:
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