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UPDATED LEGISLATIVE SPENDING POSTED ON INTERNET

Senate Majority Leader Pedro Espada (D-Bronx), spent \$880,201 on his legislative office operations and staff in the most recent six-month period reported by the Legislature -- nearly \$273,000 more than former Senate Majority Leader Joe Bruno (R-Brunswick) spent during a comparable period in 2008.

Espada's office expenditures and those of other Senators and Assembly members for the six months ending March 31, 2010, was posted today as part of a searchable database on the Empire Center's government transparency website, SeeThroughNY.net.

The data show that the Legislature spent nearly \$114 million during the period. Senate Democrats, who took control of the majority in January 2009, allocated an average of \$419,745 per member, while the minority Republican Senators received an average of \$353,974 per member -- a \$65,771 difference. Other highlights:

- Senate Democrats' spending per member office increased by \$25,986, a seven percent increase over the average of \$393,759 during the previous six months.
- Senate Republicans per-member office spending increased by \$33,747, an 11 percent increase over the previous report's \$320,227 average.
- Democratic members of the Assembly majority averaged \$190,782 per member in spending, a decrease of two percent, while Republican minority spending was \$137,956 per member, a one percent decrease.

Assemblyman Richard Gottfried (D-Manhattan) spent \$465,926 on staff, rent, travel, telephone service, office supplies and other expenditures during the six-month period, making him the highest spender among the 150 members of his house. The Assembly's next highest spenders were: Dov Hikind (D-Brooklyn), \$358,895; Catherine Nolan (D-Queens), \$323,003; Robin Schimminger (D-Erie County), \$320,223; and Sheldon Silver (D-Manhattan) at \$319,804 for his expenditures as an Assembly member. That does not include Silver's expenditures as Assembly Speaker.

After Espada, the Senate's next highest spenders were: Carl Kruger (D-Brooklyn), \$788,834; John Sampson (D-Brooklyn), \$724,547; Jeffrey Klein (D-Bronx/Westchester), \$683,170; and Shirley Huntley (D-Jamaica), \$538,979.

Users of SeeThroughNY.net can download all data from the site in spreadsheet form for further analysis. A copy of the expenditure rankings for the six-month period is attached. Not included in the expenditure reports are member items, or pork barrel projects, which also can be viewed under "Expenditures" on SeeThroughNY.net.

New York State Senate Office Expenditures

October 1, 2009 - March 31, 2010

Ranking	Member	Total Expenditures
1	Pedro Espada Jr.	\$880,201
2	Carl Kruger	\$788,834
3	John Sampson	\$724,547
4	Jeffrey D. Klein	\$683,170
5	Shirley L. Huntley	\$538,979
6	Ruth Hassell-Thompson	\$527,576
7	Elizabeth Krueger	\$517,546
8	Eric T. Schneiderman	\$477,556
9	Diane J. Savino	\$440,272
10	Bill Perkins	\$434,076
11	Eric L. Adams	\$421,939
12	Kemp Hannon	\$416,461
13	Antione M. Thompson	\$414,893
14	Carl L. Marcellino	\$413,871
15	Malcolm A. Smith	\$413,802
16	Thomas K. Duane	\$412,069
17	Ruben Diaz Sr.	\$403,810
18	Vincent L. Leibell	\$401,106
19	Daniel L. Squadron	\$400,464
20	David J. Valesky	\$396,885
21	John J. Bonacic	\$396,115
22	Martin Malave Dilan	\$391,403
23	Kevin S. Parker	\$390,342
24	Catherine Young	\$385,816
25	Owen H. Johnson	\$384,814
26	Thomas W. Libous	\$378,256
27	Stephen M. Saland	\$377,244
28	Craig M. Johnson	\$374,135
29	Dean G. Skelos	\$371,823
30	Michael Nozzolio	\$371,315
31	George D. Maziarz	\$370,862
32	Martin J. Golden	\$368,944
33	Andrea Stewart-Cousins	\$368,779
34	Hugh T. Farley	\$365,222
35	Darrel J. Aubertine	\$359,944
36	Velmanette Montgomery	\$354,299
37	Jose M. Serrano	\$353,633
38	James L. Seward	\$352,177
39	John J. Flanagan	\$348,299
40	John DeFrancisco	\$346,775
41	Thomas P. Morahan	\$344,580
42	Dale M. Volker	\$343,998
43	Kenneth P. Lavallo	\$342,369
44	Frank Padavan	\$342,344
45	Joseph E. Robach	\$341,462
46	Suzi Oppenheimer	\$339,490
47	George H. Winner Jr.	\$339,406
48	James S. Alesi	\$339,037
49	William J. Larkin Jr.	\$338,820
50	Toby Ann Stavisky	\$337,589
51	Charles J. Fuschillo Jr.	\$336,169
52	Brian X. Foley	\$332,423
53	Roy J. McDonald	\$329,928
54	Hiram Monserrate	\$327,924
55	Andrew J. Lanza	\$324,389
56	Joseph A. Griffo	\$313,234
57	Joseph P. Addabbo	\$310,790
58	William T. Stachowski	\$286,737
59	Elizabeth O'C. Little	\$285,164
60	Neil D. Breslin	\$266,839
61	George Onorato	\$251,849
62	Michael H. Ranzhoefer	\$237,627
63	Michael G. Miller	\$74,389
64	13th District	\$41,333
65	Jose R. Peralta	\$6,183

New York State Assembly Office Expenditures

October 1, 2009 - March 31, 2010

Ranking	Member	Total Expenditures	Ranking	Member	Total Expenditures
1	Richard N. Gottfried	\$465,926	77	Rory I. Lancman	\$159,891
2	Dov Hikind	\$358,895	78	Sandra R. Galef	\$158,998
3	Catherine T. Nolan	\$323,003	79	Alan N. Maisel	\$156,698
4	Robin L. Schimminger	\$320,223	80	Philip M. Boyle	\$156,526
5	Sheldon Silver	\$319,804	81	Herman D. Farrell Jr.	\$156,371
6	Vito J. Lopez	\$305,484	82	William F. Boyland Jr.	\$154,784
7	Joseph R. Lentol	\$303,720	83	Joel M. Miller	\$153,575
8	Richard L. Brodsky	\$291,655	84	Thomas W. Alfano	\$152,739
9	Peter M. Rivera	\$291,035	85	Andrew P. Raia	\$152,275
10	Rhoda S. Jacobs	\$291,034	86	Teresa R. Sayward	\$151,485
11	Helene E. Weinstein	\$276,045	87	Aileen M. Gunther	\$150,767
12	James F. Brennan	\$273,657	88	Grace Meng	\$150,623
13	Audrey I. Pheffer	\$271,231	89	Fred W. Thiele Jr.	\$149,682
14	Peter J. Abbate Jr.	\$266,823	90	Michael A. Benjamin	\$147,676
15	Earlene Hooper	\$261,524	91	Vanessa L. Gibson	\$147,520
16	Deborah J. Glick	\$259,765	92	Marcos A. Crespo	\$147,190
17	William B. Hoyt III	\$253,024	93	Barbara S. Lifton	\$147,172
18	Jeffrey Dinowitz	\$252,131	94	Kenneth P. Zebrowski	\$147,087
19	Ronald J. Canestrari	\$251,845	95	David G. McDonough	\$146,983
20	Harvey Weisenberg	\$248,135	96	Joan K. Christensen	\$146,924
21	Jose Rivera	\$246,958	97	Joseph A. Errigo	\$146,911
22	Nettie Mayersohn	\$242,028	98	Inez D. Barron	\$146,861
23	Joseph D. Morelle	\$241,897	99	William D. Reilich	\$146,580
24	Carmen E. Arroyo	\$241,822	100	Robert C. Oaks	\$146,221
25	William Scarborough	\$240,473	101	Janet L. Duprey	\$146,076
26	David F. Gantt	\$240,244	102	Daniel J. Burling	\$145,908
27	Steven Englebright	\$238,717	103	William D. Magee	\$145,628
28	Robert K. Sweeney	\$231,012	104	Albert A. Stirpe Jr.	\$145,344
29	N. Nick Perry	\$227,458	105	Michael R. Benedetto	\$143,056
30	Adriano Espaillat	\$221,959	106	Frank K. Skartados	\$142,056
31	Carl E. Heastie	\$220,063	107	Joseph S. Saladino	\$142,020
32	Kevin A. Cahill	\$219,349	108	Matthew J. Titone	\$141,950
33	Amy R. Paulin	\$218,111	109	Thomas F. O'Mara	\$141,317
34	Vivian E. Cook	\$217,275	110	Michelle Schimel	\$140,906
35	Keith L. Wright	\$216,641	111	Ellen C. Jaffee	\$139,451
36	Daniel J. O'Donnell	\$213,508	112	John F. Quinn III	\$138,581
37	Joan L. Millman	\$210,321	113	Naomi Rivera	\$137,639
38	Felix Ortiz	\$207,517	114	Louis R. Tobacco	\$137,437
39	Margaret M. Markey	\$203,549	115	Addie J. Russell	\$136,387
40	David Koon	\$202,998	116	Clifford W. Crouch	\$135,604
41	Jeffrion L. Aubry	\$200,240	117	James G. Bacalles	\$135,211
42	William Colton	\$198,257	118	Mark J. Schroeder	\$134,545
43	Steven Cymbrowitz	\$197,810	119	Marc W. Butler	\$134,101
44	Philip R. Ramos	\$196,323	120	Crystal D. Peoples	\$134,093
45	Ann Margaret E. Carrozza	\$193,800	121	John J. McEneny	\$134,049
46	Susan V. John	\$193,563	122	Gregory R. Ball	\$133,723
47	Jonathan L. Bing	\$192,624	123	Marcus J. Molinaro	\$133,186
48	D. Janele Hyer-Spencer	\$192,467	124	Robert P. Reilly	\$133,047
49	William B. Magnarelli	\$187,387	125	Alec Brook-Krasny	\$132,447
50	Annette Robinson	\$187,309	126	William A. Barclay	\$132,238
51	Michael N. Gianaris	\$184,295	127	Jane L. Corwin	\$132,195
52	Barbara M. Clark	\$182,430	128	James P. Hayes	\$131,673
53	James N. Tedisco	\$181,484	129	Stephen M. Hawley	\$131,591
54	Nancy Calhoun	\$179,949	130	Hakeem S. Jeffries	\$131,291
55	Marc S. Alessi	\$179,092	131	Thomas McKeivitt	\$129,940
56	Darryl C. Towns	\$177,197	132	Brian P. Kavanagh	\$129,880
57	Jose R. Peralta	\$176,835	133	Robert D. Barra	\$129,768
58	Linda B. Rosenthal	\$176,367	134	Ann G. Rabbitt	\$127,511
59	David R. Townsend Jr.	\$173,503	135	Michael J. Fitzpatrick	\$125,703
60	Andrew D. Hevesi	\$173,145	136	Joseph M. Giglio	\$123,414
61	Brian M. Kolb	\$171,101	137	Nelson L. Castro	\$122,414
62	Francine Delmonte	\$171,068	138	Mark Weprin	\$121,808
63	Michele R. Titus	\$168,604	139	Charles Lavine	\$121,010
64	James Gary Pretlow	\$168,451	140	Dierdre K. Scozzafava	\$119,482
65	James D. Conte	\$168,362	141	J. Anthony Jordan	\$118,872
66	Karim Camara	\$167,801	142	Michael G. Miller	\$118,541
67	Michael J. Spano	\$167,466	143	Donna A. Lupardo	\$117,856
68	Roann M. Destito	\$167,415	144	Timothy P. Gordon	\$116,802
69	Dennis H. Gabryszak	\$167,154	145	Peter D. Lopez	\$113,674
70	William L. Parment	\$165,715	146	Michael G. Dendekker	\$113,197
71	Adam Clayton Powell IV	\$165,267	147	George A. Amedore Jr.	\$106,182
72	George S. Latimer	\$163,174	148	Patricia A. Eddington	\$91,792
73	Gary D. Finch	\$162,280	149	Adam T. Bradley	\$84,151
74	Micah Z. Kellner	\$161,479	150	Richard R. Walker	\$68,656
75	Virginia A. Fields	\$161,102	151	Robert J. Castelli	\$21,337
76	Michael J. Cusick	\$161,018	152	Ruben Diaz	-\$1,600