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Republicans Who Believe In Fighting Fraud

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The New York State Senate Republicans

The Original False Claims Act Was Passed By Republican President Lincoln To Combat Fraud During The Civil War.

Ronald Reagan strengthened the False Claims Act to fight dishonest contractors.

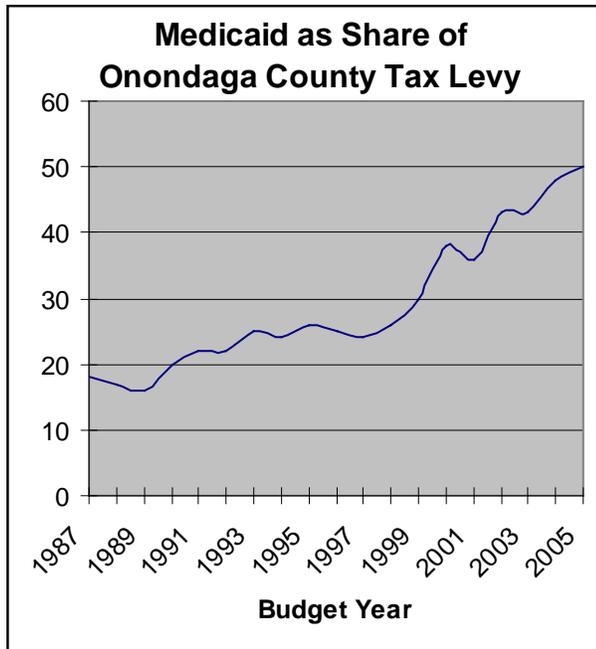
The Federal False Claims Act Is So Successful Because It Employs *Bedrock Principles Of Fiscal Conservatism*.

The Republican Senate, Republican House, And President Bush Explicitly Asked States to Enact False Claims Acts to Complement the Federal Law, To Combat Fraud, Waste and Abuse in Government.

Why Do New York Senate Republicans Disagree With Their National Colleagues About The Importance of A False Claims Act in Reducing Fraud, Waste and Abuse?

When Will They Return To Their Republican Roots?

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The False Claims Act Is Essential to Reduce Real Property Tax Bills

Like Many Upstate Counties, Onondaga County Has Seen Explosive Growth In The Percentage Of The Tax Levy Going Toward Medicaid Costs.

In 1993, Medicaid Costs Represented 13.5% of General Fund Expenditures And 40.2% of the Tax Levy in Counties throughout the State. By 2003, Medicaid Costs Represented 19.1% of General Fund Expenditures And a Whopping 73.2% of the Tax Levy in Counties throughout the State.

Fraud Is a Major Factor in Rising Medicaid Costs.

A False Claims Act Would Help the State to Fight Fraud and Lower the Costs of the Medicaid Program.

Why is the Senate Refusing to Pass a State False Claims Act?

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Without The False Claims Act, New York Risks Losing Hundreds of Millions of Dollars

Governor Pataki Negotiated a Deal (embodied in the F-SHRP Agreement) That Gives New York \$1.5 Billion in Federal Aid Over 5 Years, If New York Reforms Its Healthcare System, And Reduces Medicaid Fraud.

New York Promised to Increase Its Medicaid Fraud Recoveries To At Least \$215 Million In 2008, \$322 Million In 2009, \$429 Million In 2010 And \$644 Million In 2011 To Keep The Funding.

New York Will Have Trouble Meeting Its Fraud Reduction Targets Without Passage of The False Claims Act.

A False Claims Act Will Help The State To Fight Medicaid Fraud And Ensure That New York Keeps the Federal Money.

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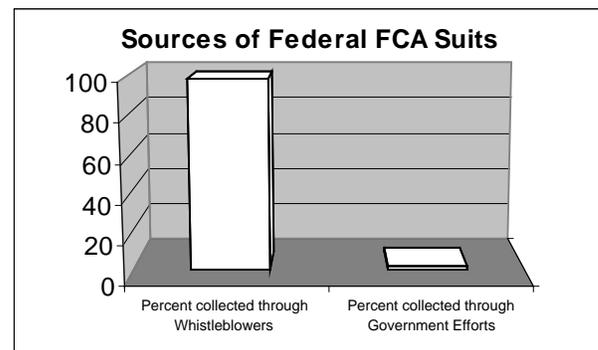
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The False Claims Act Will Shine a Light on Fraud, Waste and Abuse

“Whistleblowers Have Proven To Be The Key To The Success Of The Federal False Claims Act Over The Last 20 Years. They Stick Their Necks Out And Put Themselves In Very Risky Situations To Do The Right Thing On Behalf Of Taxpayers, And Their Courage And Sacrifice Deserves To Be Recognized And Rewarded,” According to Senator Grassley.

“Whistle-Blower Suits Are A Powerful Weapon Against Fraud,” says Patrick O’Connell, Chief Of The Civil Medicaid Fraud Section In The Texas AG’s Office, and “Probably 98 Percent” Of The Medicaid Fraud Claims His Office Receives Arrive Via Such Suits.



Why is the Senate Refusing to Pass a State False Claims Act?