



## The New York State Business Council forgot what happened to Pinocchio.

Pinocchio isn't the only one famous for telling tall tales.

Leaders of the New York State Business Council have been fibbing about New York's public sector work force — deliberately using inaccurate data to make it appear the state has too many public employees, and that they cost state taxpayers too much money.

Why?

So they can protect their Board of Directors' multi-million dollar incomes, and avoid paying their fair share of taxes.



**Business Council fib #1:** New York State's public workforce is too big.

**Reality:** New York ranks 41st out of 50 states in the number of state employees per capita.



**Business Council fib #2:** Businesses in New York are taxed too much.

**Reality:** Over the last 25 years, the portion of the state budget funded through business taxes has dropped from 10 percent to four percent — a 60 percent decrease.



**Business Council fib #3:** New York State can cut 20,000 jobs without hurting essential services.

**Reality:** Cutting funding for education, health care, the environment and transportation hurts real people. Thousands of New Yorkers depend on these services every day.

It's as plain as the nose on your face.

The Business Council advocates severe spending cuts and massive job cuts to help solve the state's fiscal crisis, so they can keep avoiding paying their fair share of taxes on their millions.

There's a better way.

The New York State Public Employees Federation supports a plan that fairly shares the state's fiscal burden by reducing spending and raising revenues.

PEF supports proposals to close corporate tax loopholes.

As another way to raise revenues, PEF also supports enactment of a temporary, seven-tenths of one percent surcharge on the portion of taxable incomes above \$100,000, and another seven-tenths of one percent surcharge on the portions of taxable incomes above \$200,000.

It's time for the New York State Business Council to tell the truth. And it's time for the wealthy New Yorkers they represent to contribute their fair share to help solve the state's fiscal crisis.



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