



WCA: Ryan late to the cost-cutting train

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William Mooney, president of the Westchester County Association, today took issue with Board of Legislators Chairman William Ryan's call for a county charter commission that could help streamline government. [Read about Ryan's proposal here](#)^[1].

Mooney said Ryan was a Johnny-come-lately to the cost-cutting movement and even blamed the chairman for his role in upping spending during his tenure. He also said this plan encumbers County Executive elect Rob Astorino and is "simply a delay tactic."

"Ironically, based on past behavior and actions, few if any of those making the proposals had ever indicated any interest in budget cutting prior to last month's defeat of Andy Spano by Rob Astorino. It's not a coincidence that the legislators' sudden interest in budget and tax cutting began when the incoming county executive was elected on a platform of cutting taxes and reducing the size of county government," Mooney said in a statement. "Controlling spending by the county government begins at home. The legislature has been notorious in acquiescing to an expanded and ever-more-costly county government. The Ryan plan is yet another costly expense and adds to the already top-heavy bureaucracy. If the legislators truly have found religion and want to cut spending, duplication of services and waste, they know full-well where to look."

Mooney went on to say that Ryan is "late to board the cost-cutting train" and that his tenure as chairman has been marked by excessive spending.