



Letters to the editor

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Thomas stays true to form

Ultra-conservative columnist Cal Thomas has never met a sky that isn't falling. In his column of Feb. 3, he warns us of the Muslim Brotherhood's plot for world domination. Apparently this is a long-term plan, as the Muslim Brotherhood was formed in 1928. Thomas gins up his piece with all of the usual scare words and comparisons to Nazis and communists. Of course there is also the obligatory tie-in to President Obama to make the reader think this is again something Obama is responsible for. Thomas fails to mention such facts as Egyptian strongman Hosni Mubarak has been in power for 30 years and is obviously a product of years of American support that may have included a Republican administration. —**PAUL IPOLITO**

BRIGHTON

Break trend to right N.Y. ship

Recently, I was asked why I wanted to serve on the Committee to Save New York. My answer is simple.

Every budget season, the public is inundated with rhetoric from special interest groups who want us to believe that any cuts to the state budget will destroy our way of life. This committee, whose members represent business and labor from across the state, is pushing back with the other side of the story — how New York's tax-and-spend culture has undermined our economy, undercut job creation and pushed hardworking property taxpayers to the financial brink.

The Committee to Save New York's agenda mirrors and reinforces the work of the Rochester Business Alliance and Unshackle Upstate: raising public awareness of the state spending and legislative policies that hamper New York's growth and put all our futures at risk.

This budget season, I would ask the public to listen to both sides and get engaged in the debate. New York needs to get its financial house in order. Another year of business as usual could just put New York out of business

altogether.

—**SANDY PARKER**

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