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Statement by Senator Golden on Mayor Bloomberg's Financial Reform Proposal

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New York – State Senator Martin J. Golden (R-C-I, Brooklyn), a member of the Senate Finance Committee, has issued a statement in response to Mayor Bloomberg's financial reform proposal as outlined in today's State of the City Address:

“Mayor Michael Bloomberg highlighted the need to reduce the cost of government, and prevent tax increases, so to balance the City budget. This is a message of financial responsibility that will resonate with New Yorkers in each of our five boroughs because hardworking New Yorkers understand that tax increases make it less possible to live, work and raise a family here in New York.

The Mayor has asked that the State of New York make this the year that we look to reform civil service laws and at the same time, overhaul the pension system, while incorporating legal and administrative reforms that govern operations.

I am ready to listen to the Mayor's call to create jobs and balance our budget while protecting essential city services and New York's taxpayers. It is imperative that all 212 New York State Legislators, especially those who represent New York City, give every consideration to these proposals so to keep New York City moving. We must make adjustments so to yield a savings now, or we will have no choice but to make even tougher decisions in the near future."