



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Senator Fred Akshar Releases New Survey on New License Plate Replacement Fees

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Senator Fred Akshar released his own Community Voice Survey on the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)'s new license plate replacement program requiring drivers to pay \$25 for new license plates and an additional \$20 to keep their current plate number.

Earlier this week, [Governor Cuomo announced the new fee structure](#) and 10-year license

plate replacement requirement along with a survey allowing New Yorkers to vote on the new plate designs. Of the five design options, only one features a landmark located in Upstate New York: Niagara Falls.

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*Senator Fred Akshar said, "While many older plates are wearing out and becoming more difficult for law enforcement to read, it's clear that this is just a "creative" way to announce a new tax on New Yorkers. I'm a fan of constituent surveys, but mine don't come with new taxes and fees smuggled in."*

Akshar's survey asks his constituents to weigh in on the new replacement fees as well as the new designs by [clicking here](#).

Respondents can specify whether they:

- Support or Oppose the new \$25 replacement fee
- Support or Oppose the \$20 fee to keep their current plate number
- Support including more plate designs that feature Upstate New York symbols and landmarks.

Respondents can also submit their own ideas for a plate new design.

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*Senator Fred Akshar said, “Before heaping yet another fee on its dwindling residents, New York needs to stop and listen to the people. Maybe asking ‘if’ instead of ‘how’ a new tax should be levied would help slow the steady outmigration of residents for a more affordable way of life in other states. This new tax, along with the \$4.6 Billion in taxes and fees imposed in this year’s budget by the all-Democrat-led Legislature, illustrates why One Party Rule in New York will only continue to drive more hardworking middle-class taxpayers out of our state.”*

Direct link to survey: <https://www.nysenate.gov/webforms/community-voice-survey-new-license-plate-replacement-fees>