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## Staten Island's State Legislative Delegation Calls For Action on NYC Property Taxes

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*"Staten Islanders are in desperate need of property tax reform. Our Staten Island legislative delegation – Republican and Democrat alike – are united in our effort to secure the reforms needed to rebalance the antiquated system that has made living here unaffordable" Said Senator Andrew Lanza*

All four New York State Assembly Members and both New York State Senators who represent Staten Island in the state legislature, sent a letter to Governor Kathy Hochul, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, and Senate President Pro Tempore Andrea Stewart-Cousins on Monday calling for action on New York City property taxes. Last week the New York City Advisory Commission on Property Tax reform released a long-anticipated report detailing recommendations to reform New York City's antiquated property tax system. The report indicates that changes should be made to the system and Staten Island's state level elected officials are eager to ensure those changes are addressed by the state legislature this year.

Said **Assemblyman Cusick** of the letter, "We need to make sure this is a priority of the state legislature this year. This is why we have come together as a delegation to call on our state legislature to address this important issue. We want to work with the Governor and the state legislature to get this done."

Said **Assemblyman Fall** of the letter, "North Shore residents and all Staten islanders need property tax relief now. We need to implement solutions from the New York City Advisory Commission on Property Tax Reform to rid New Yorkers of the current outdated system. I look forward to working with my colleagues on this issue to provide relief to our constituents."

Said **Senator Diane Savino**, "Homeowners across my district have been dealing with the burden of an unfair tax system for a long time. With the rising costs for everything from fuel to food, homeowners need relief from an unfair tax system."

Said **Assemblyman Michael Tannousis**, "New York City property tax reform is long overdue. New Yorkers across the boroughs have been overburdened by the city and deserve immediate property tax relief. I'm looking forward to working with my colleagues in the state legislature to address this property tax issue and to prioritize the passing of bills that

will pose viable solutions to this problem.”

Said **Assemblyman Mike Reilly**, "The recommendations of the New York City Advisory Commission on Property Tax Reform serves as a roadmap for what is needed to achieve real, meaningful, and equitable property tax reform. As we have done many times in the past, we are once again standing united as Staten Islanders to call on our legislative colleagues in Albany and demand that property tax reform be a priority of this legislative session."