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**SENATE PASSES REPEAL OF MTA PAYROLL TAX**

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**State Senate Votes to Repeal the MTA Payroll Tax**

“Join your fellow Long Islanders who want this onerous tax eliminated. Make your voice heard by filling out the form below or visiting my website at [zeldin.nysenate.gov](http://zeldin.nysenate.gov). Tell the Assembly to join the Senate to stop the MTA Payroll Tax in its tracks.”

- Senator Lee M. Zeldin



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“ **When I took office, I made a strong commitment to revitalize Long Island’s economy. That is why I fought so hard to secure Senate passage of my legislation to help repeal the MTA Payroll Tax. Moving forward I will keep fighting to ensure that this outrageous job-killing tax is eliminated once and for all.** ”

-- Senator Lee M. Zeldin



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**"Our cows don't ride the subway ... families in Long Island have been forced to pay a tax that adds thousands in costs without any benefit to the farm." - New York Farm Bureau**

**"The businesses in the MTA region need tax relief to grow and add jobs. This year's state budget sent the right message to business. Now the legislature can keep the positive momentum going by repealing the MTA payroll tax. Businesses in the region tell us this is an onerous tax. It discourages small businesses from hiring and it encourages larger businesses to grow outside the region." - Heather Briccetti, acting-president & CEO of The Business Council of New York State, Inc.**

**"The Nassau Suffolk Hospital Council strongly supports this bill, which would phase out the MTA tax for all employers on Long Island by 2014...In addition to being burdensome, the MTA tax is unfair by design. It has been equally applied to New York City and the seven suburban counties, despite the broad disparity in levels of access and usage in the two regions." - The Nassau Suffolk Hospital Council**

**"This proposal couldn't have come at a more opportune time. As our economy begins its slow recovery, we should not be bailing out organizations that continue to prove their inefficiency, but instead should be encouraging growth by reducing the tax burden on companies and individuals."**


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**"Small business applauds the Senate for taking this necessary action...to repeal the onerous MTA Payroll Tax and we thank Senator Zeldin and his colleagues on both sides of the aisle for standing with small business and taxpayers. We know look to the Assembly to follow the Senate's lead and pass this bill to further the economic recovery of New York."**

**Michael Durant, State Director  
National Federation of Independent Business-New York**

## **A Bipartisan Solution for Long Island's Economy**

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### **IT'S TIME TO REPEAL THE MTA PAYROLL TAX**

Yes, Senator Zeldin, I join you in the fight to repeal the MTA Payroll Tax and call on Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver to stop blocking your legislation from being voted on in the Assembly.

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#### **Zeldin's Bill To Repeal the Payroll Tax Passes State Senate**

- Small businesses with 25 employees or less, along with public and non-public schools, in the entire MTA region, would be completely exempt from the payroll tax beginning January 2012.
- A gradual phase out of the tax for Long Island and the counties surrounding New York City would begin on January 2012 with a full repeal of tax by January 2014.
- For the five boroughs of New York City, a gradual reduction of the tax would begin on January 2012 and a new rate of .21 percent would be established by January 2014.
- Mitigate the loss of the payroll tax revenue and help prevent the MTA from enacting a future fare and toll increase by redirecting existing State funding to the MTA, establishing a transit funding lockbox and most importantly fostering greater cost savings and efficiencies at the Authority.