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## **New York State Assembly Democrats Propose Steep New Tax Hikes; ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!!**

New York Assembly Democrats announced plans to implement massive income tax and sales tax increases, only a week after Governor Paterson signaled he would abandoned his unpopular and widely criticized 137 new taxes on such “luxuries” as haircuts, sugared drinks and Internet downloads. The Governor’s abandoned new taxes and the Assembly Democrat’s proposed tax hikes come at a time when Hudson Valley businesses and their payrolls are being threatened by gargantuan MTA payroll tax surge.

The Assembly Democrats have offered no specific bill as of yet, but their proposal would call for the increase of the New York State sales tax, and implementing new tax brackets for those who earn over \$250,000 a year. Given today’s economy now is not the time for new taxes. State leaders should cut spending instead.

The Assembly tax increase is favored by state Democrats as a solution to closing the budget gap, more so than a desire to cut expenses as proposed by Republicans.

All of these additional fees and taxes will indefinitely impact the working families of New York as business leaders make an exodus to other states to live and do business, while leaving behind a trail of unemployed workers, further reducing the tax revenue to the state.

Even Governor Paterson, who just recently abandoned one of the largest tax hikes in New York history, is opposed to his party’s plan, stating that he fears a tax hike on the wealthy will drive them from the state.

New Yorkers are facing the same struggles as many other states, yet they endure some of the highest state taxes of any other state. New Yorkers are being led down a path of unsustainable spending, sky-rocketing taxes, and a Democrat majority that is leading us blindly off a cliff by never-ending tax proposals.

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