

## Senator Martins Receives High Mark From Business Council of the State of New York

JACK M. MARTINS August 22, 2012

ISSUE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT, JOBS & EMPLOYMENT

COMMITTEE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The Business Council of the State of New York released its 2012 Voter's Guide, which measures the commitment of State Legislators to promoting fiscal reform and improving the state's economic climate. Each legislator was scored based on his or her votes taken during the 2012 legislative session on legislative items that foster job creation.

Senator Jack M. Martins was among the legislators that scored a 90 percent, tops among Senators, for his support of legislation that would reduce state and local pension costs; control state spending while avoiding new taxes; reform labor laws that impose unnecessary costs and restrictions on employers; and promote new jobs and investments in a range of strategically important business sectors.

"Our efforts in Albany over the last two years have centered around balancing the state's budget by reducing spending, easing the burden on our hard-working taxpayers and promoting economic development to spark job creation. I am pleased the Business Council recognized our efforts," said Senator Martins.

Among the other significant initiatives Senator Martins helped to pass include the repeal of the MTA Payroll Tax for small businesses, a 2 percent tax cap to control the growth of property taxes and the Middle Class Tax Cut and Job Creation Act that reduced state income tax for over four million New Yorkers to its lowest level in over 50 years.

The voter's guide is available at <a href="http://www.bcnys.org/voter-guide/">http://www.bcnys.org/voter-guide/</a>.