



SENATOR JIM ALESI



Dear Neighbor,

As Chairman of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Economic Development, and Small Business, fighting for property tax relief has always been one of my top priorities. That is why I fought to enact the landmark two percent property tax cap, and why I have worked to deliver additional state funding and mandate relief to local governments and school districts throughout our region. Property taxpayers saved an estimated \$456 million from the impact of the two percent property tax cap this year, compared to the historical average increase of 4.6 percent.

This week in the Senate, I voted to approve legislation ([S.7447](#)) that will restore STAR rebate checks to seniors and middle-class homeowners across the state. The legislation approved by the Senate would provide \$202 million in direct property tax relief to senior citizens in the 2012-2013 school year, and \$1.2 billion in property tax relief to middle-class families starting in 2013-2014. This important legislation, which must now be approved by the Assembly, will provide direct relief to millions of taxpayers in local communities throughout New York State.

Restoring STAR rebate checks will be good for our economy, good for middle-class families, and good for our state as a whole. They will provide meaningful relief to the hardworking, over-burdened taxpayers in our community. With this in mind, I hope you will join my efforts to get the Assembly to take action on this important measure without delay.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim".

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