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A Special Report from **Senator Lee M. Zeldin**

2013 Legislative Session Overview

Helping Families... Creating Jobs... Cutting Taxes.



“ With the lowest middle class tax rates in 60 years... spending growth below 2%... and more tax relief for families and small businesses... **the 2013 Session has produced real results for New Yorkers.** ”

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During this year's Legislative Session, we controlled spending, provided tax relief for families across the state, and advanced new measures to empower and ensure equality for women. We are making progress to improve our business climate to help create new jobs. We're putting New York back on track toward a brighter, stronger future.

MIDDLE CLASS TAX RELIEF

I've always made family tax relief a top priority and led the fight to bring middle class income tax rates to the lowest level in 60 years. In addition, this year I also worked to deliver:

- \$350 in new tax relief to help families cope with the rising cost of raising a child;
- A school aid increase of more than \$1 billion -- helping our schools, our kids and local property taxpayers; and
- A State Budget that keeps spending growth below 2% -- preventing potential tax increases that could hurt family budgets.



CREATING JOBS



I am fully committed to helping our small businesses compete. That's why, in addition to holding the line on taxes and controlling State spending, I've worked to improve the business climate and help create jobs by:

- Reducing taxes for hundreds of thousands of small businesses;
- Cutting the corporate tax rate and reducing costs for New York manufacturers;
- Enacting new workers' compensation and unemployment insurance reforms;
- Supporting incubators and loans for entrepreneurs to launch new start-ups;
- Increasing funding for key job training programs; and
- Launching the "Start-Up NY" program to attract new businesses and jobs to New York.

COMBATING WELFARE FRAUD

New Yorkers are always willing to lend a helping hand to those in need. But we don't like seeing the hard earned money of taxpayers being wasted.

That's why Senator Lee Zeldin worked to pass the "The Public Assistance Integrity Act" which will prohibit welfare recipients from misusing Electronic Benefit Transfer Cards (EBT cards). The bill will ban the use of EBT cards for the purchase of items such as cigarettes, alcohol and lottery tickets.

This measure passed in the Senate and now awaits action in the State Assembly.



For more information on the 2013 Legislative Session, visit zeldin.nysenate.gov