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Legislative Update from **State Senator Lee M. Zeldin**

In recognition of his strong support for small businesses, Senator Lee Zeldin has been named as a “Guardian of Small Business” by the National Federation of Independent Business - NY



Senator Lee M. Zeldin: A New Direction for Long Island



Dear Friend,

When I took office on January 1, 2011, I made a commitment to work hard to cut taxes, reduce wasteful spending and help create jobs.

Working together with Governor Cuomo, we're making major progress in achieving these key goals.

To help Long Island small businesses, I worked with a coalition of business and civic leaders to successfully force a repeal of the job-killing MTA Payroll Tax for 80 percent of the employers previously paying the tax, while providing a reduction to thousands of others. We enacted two consecutive on-time budgets and closed a \$13 billion budget deficit without increasing taxes or fees.

Additionally, I supported a \$3.3 billion tax cut package which reduced the middle income tax rate to the lowest level in 58 years. To help Suffolk homeowners and seniors, we also worked together to enact a 2 percent property tax cap that has already helped save local taxpayers \$17 million.

The positive results are starting to show.

According to a report by the US Chamber of Commerce, New York has rose 11 spots in the rankings of states for economic growth, productivity and livability. In addition, Standard and Poor's recently boosted New York's credit outlook to positive, based on two consecutive on-time budgets, deficit reduction and long-term spending reforms.

We've made real progress, but we still have more work to do. As your Senator, I will continue fighting to ensure a stronger, brighter future for our local community, and for all of Long Island.

Sincerely,

Senator Lee M. Zeldin

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Senator Lee Zeldin's Legislative Report:

CUTTING TAXES:

Middle Class Tax Cut: Lowest middle income tax rate in 58 years

2% Property Tax Cap: \$16.9 million in school property tax savings

Mandate Relief: Saving Suffolk County over \$136.9 million over 5 years

BRIGHTER FUTURE:

I-STOP: To combat prescription drug abuse

DNA Databank Expansion: Landmark law will help track down & punish violent criminals

Domestic Violence: Tough new penalties for offenders, stronger protections for victims

CREATING JOBS:

MTA Payroll Tax: Repealed the unfair MTA Payroll Tax for Long Island small businesses.

Recharge NY: Strengthens and improves NY's low cost Power for Jobs initiative

NY Works: Will create roughly 2,000 new jobs on Long Island

REFORMING GOVERNMENT:

End the Gridlock: Two consecutive on-time budgets

Common Sense Reforms: Closing \$13 billion in budget gaps with no new taxes or fees

Efficiency: Consolidating agencies and streamlining functions