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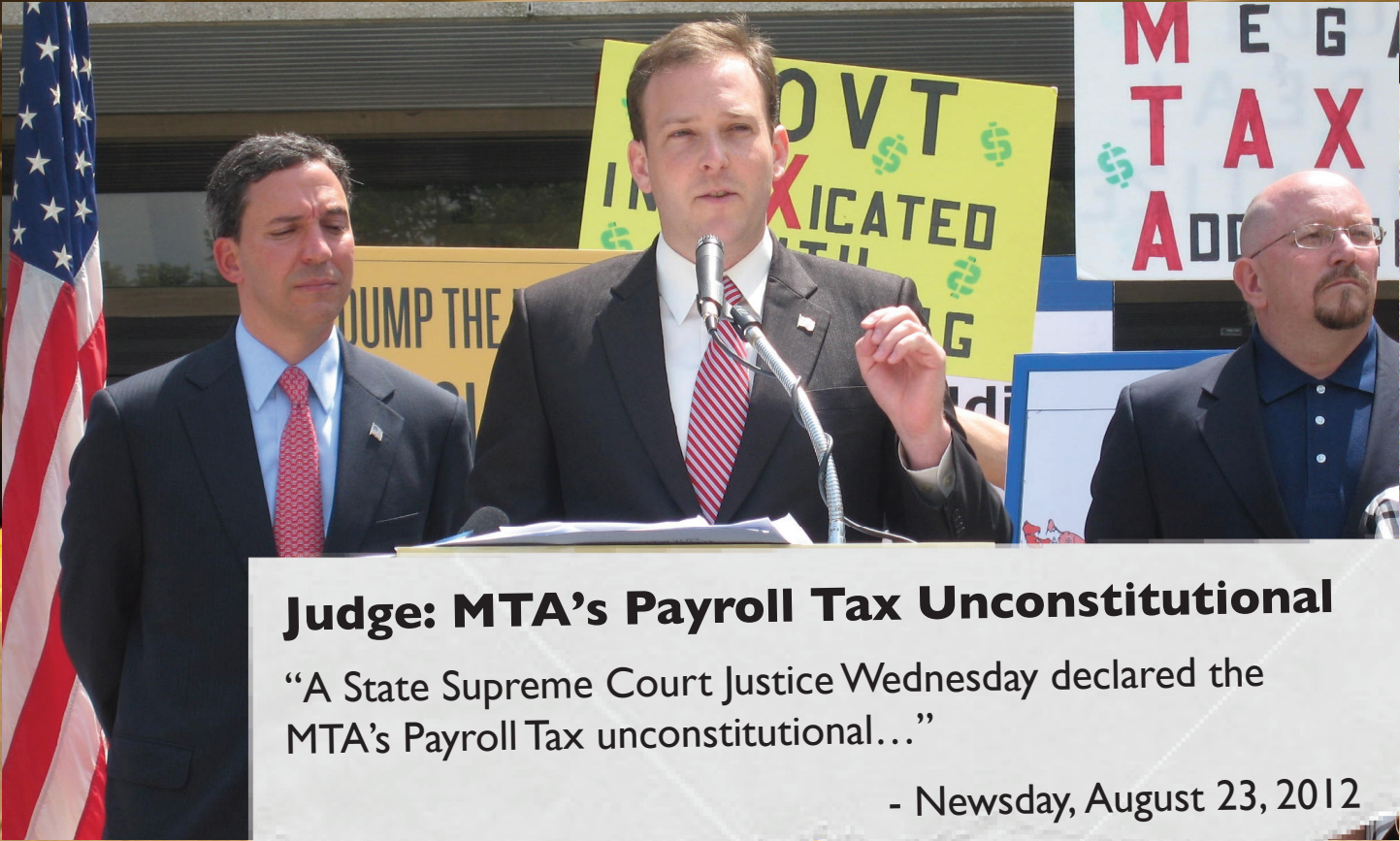
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Senator Lee Zeldin: MTA Payroll Tax Ruled Unconstitutional

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Judge: MTA's Payroll Tax Unconstitutional
 "A State Supreme Court Justice Wednesday declared the MTA's Payroll Tax unconstitutional..."
 - Newsday, August 23, 2012

The Fight to Repeal the MTA Payroll Tax

May 2009

MTA Payroll Tax passes

January 1, 2011

Senator Zeldin takes office

June 5, 2011

Senator Zeldin introduces bipartisan legislation to repeal the tax. Bill garners widespread support from a coalition of business and civic groups

June 16, 2011

Senate passes Senator Zeldin's legislation with strong bipartisan support

December 7, 2011

State Legislature votes to repeal MTA Payroll Tax for small businesses during Special Session

December 12, 2011

Governor Cuomo signs MTA Payroll Tax repeal and Middle Class Tax Cut into law

April 1, 2012

Repeal of the MTA Payroll Tax begins

August 22, 2012

State Supreme Court rules MTA Payroll Tax unconstitutional

To learn more about the Repeal of the MTA Payroll Tax, please visit zeldin.nysenate.gov

In 2009, at the height of our national recession, irresponsible leaders in Albany passed a bailout for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) that placed an unfair payroll tax on hardworking Long Island taxpayers and employers.

Billions of dollars were redirected out of our local economy -- forcing many business owners to cut pay and hours, or even close their doors due to this onerous tax.

When I took office at the start of 2011, I made a commitment that repealing the job-killing MTA Payroll Tax would be my top priority.

And in a short time, working with a coalition of lawmakers, business groups, small business owners and taxpayers, we achieved what many thought would be an impossible task by repealing the tax for small businesses across the MTA region.

My bipartisan legislation, coupled with strong community support, ultimately led to a repeal in December 2011 for over 80 percent of those who previously paid the MTA Payroll Tax. Thousands of others received a reduction.

Recently, Long Island taxpayers achieved another major victory, when a State Supreme Court Justice ruled the MTA Payroll Tax unconstitutional.

I will continue to work hard for Long Island taxpayers in Albany to turn New York around by cutting taxes and promoting job growth.

The elimination of this job-killing tax does just that.



Senator Zeldin and Governor Cuomo at MTA Payroll Tax repeal bill signing

"The MTA Payroll Tax is an unfair job-killing tax, which should have never been passed in the first place. I was proud to lead the fight for a repeal in the State Legislature and am thankful for the recent State Supreme Court decision that ruled this tax unconstitutional. This ruling is a great victory for Long Island's middle income families and employers."

-Senator Lee M. Zeldin

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