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Business Leaders Join NYS Senate Republicans Representing the MTA Region To Strongly Oppose Return of the MTA Payroll Tax

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The New York State Senate Republicans are telling Governor Hochul and Democrat Leadership that under no circumstances should the full reinstatement of the MTA payroll tax be considered as a solution to closing the MTA's budget shortfalls.

Businesses in the Metropolitan Commuter Transportation District (MCTD) cannot afford another tax or impediment to hiring. The MTA Payroll Tax is a tax on businesses with employees working in the MCTD. The tax affects the five boroughs of New York City (Brooklyn, Bronx, Manhattan,

Queens, and Staten Island) as well as the suburban counties of Dutchess, Nassau, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Suffolk, and Westchester.

Instead of burdening hardworking taxpayers and businesses with yet another increase, tax or fee, the MTA must take accountability for its long-standing issues of mismanagement, fraud and waste.

“If the Governor wants to impose another tax on hard-working New Yorkers, we need to see MTA expand services, especially in Orange County where there are no continuous single-seat train ride options into New York City for work, essential medical care and more. A return to the MTA Payroll Tax is not a solution for the MTA’s ongoing budgetary struggles and only puts another burden on the backs of Hudson Valley residents and individuals in the entire MTA region,” stated NYS Senator Rob Rolison, 39th District.

Watch the full press conference [here](#).