



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## State Legislature has pushed middle class Staten Island residents to the breaking point

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In just 6 short months, the State Legislature in Albany has pushed middle class Staten Island residents to the breaking point.

In six months they:

- Imposed almost \$4,000 in new taxes on middle class families
- Taxed your utility bill
- Approved higher income taxes
- Increased spending by \$12 billion
- Failed to pass the effective School Governance/Mayoral control bill
- Passed a disastrous MTA plan that hikes fares and taxes jobs throughout New York City
- Eliminated nearly \$200 million in property tax savings for New York City residents
- Passed criminal-friendly laws, including one that prevents day care centers and schools from reviewing the criminal backgrounds of convicted felons who apply for jobs

I voted **against** every one of these proposals.

It's time for Staten Island families to say "Enough is Enough!" We need true bi-partisan leadership in Albany to stand up and protect hardworking families from an out-of-control State government.

I recently helped to enact historic new reforms that will provide New York residents with a more open, transparent State government that is more accountable to hardworking taxpayers like you. Moving forward, I will continue fighting to reverse the tremendous damage of the past six months.

I will also continue leading the fight for Staten Island, and will work tirelessly to reduce taxes, cut unnecessary spending, continue to improve education and create quality jobs.