



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Statement From Senator Patrick M. Gallivan Regarding Potential Property Tax Cap Agreement

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"Western New York's property tax burden is among the highest in the nation; forcing families to leave their homes, business to relocate, and our children to seek futures elsewhere. Passing legislation to cap property taxes at two-percent was one of the first actions my Senate colleagues and I took this year.

Now, nearly four months later, the Assembly has joined the discussion by agreeing to a property tax cap framework largely mirroring legislation passed earlier this year in the Senate. This is a very encouraging development.

Enacting a property tax cap – coupled with comprehensive mandate reform for school districts and municipalities – is my top priority before the end of legislative session. I welcome Speaker Silver's cooperation and look forward to delivering meaningful tax relief for Western New York families and businesses."