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## Statement by New York State Senate Co-Leader Dean G. Skelos

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If Governor Cuomo truly intends to cut taxes next year, as has been reported by at least two media outlets, he will have a partner in the Senate Republican conference.

Senate Republicans have consistently given voice to the need for additional tax relief so hardworking New Yorkers can keep more of their own money. We created the STAR school property tax relief program, reduced state income tax rates to their lowest levels in six decades, and just this year won passage of measures to speed up elimination of the 18-a energy tax and provide a \$350 tax break for middle-class families with children.

Despite these accomplishments, nine times out of ten our efforts to cut taxes have been met with stiff resistance in the State Assembly. Next year must be different.

Working together, we can provide meaningful tax relief, foster new opportunities for economic growth and create a more prosperous future for New York families. We strongly encourage the Governor to give weight to these priorities when he puts together his upcoming Executive Budget.

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