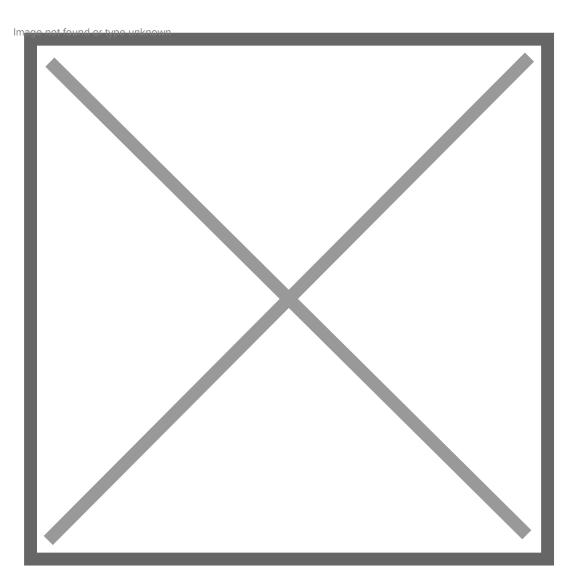


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REPORT

POUGHKEEPSIE, NY – New York State Senator Terry Gipson (D-Dutchess, Putnam) issued the following

statement in response to Governor Andrew Cuomo's Tax Commission report recommending a "circuit

breaker" to provide property tax relief and an accelerated phase-out of the 18-a utility surcharge:

"I commend Governor Cuomo's Tax Commission for acknowledging the importance of

delivering property tax relief to New York families and businesses. Additionally, I strongly

encourage New York State to take significant steps to deliver unfunded mandate relief to

local municipalities, allowing them to use their revenue to invest in further property tax

relief.

"After advocating for a complete repeal of the 18-a utility surcharge during last year's budget

process, I'm pleased that the commission has recommended that New York expedite the

compromised phase-out of this regressive tax. It's time for New York State to stop taxing

businesses for turning on their lights.

"I look forward to working with the Governor and my colleagues on both sides of the aisle

this coming session to deliver meaningful tax relief to businesses and hard working families

in Dutchess and Putnam."

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