



January 10, 2022

Hon. Kathy Hochul
Governor of the State of New York

Hon. Carl Heastie
Speaker of the New York State Assembly

Hon. Andrea Stewart-Cousins
President Pro Tempore of the New York State Senate

Dear Governor Hochul, Speaker Heastie, and President Pro Tempore Stewart-Cousins,

As we begin the 2022 legislative session, we are writing on behalf of the residents of Staten Island and the rest of New York City urging you to take immediate action to address concerns regarding property taxes in New York City. As the city begins its economic recovery from the COVID pandemic it is vital that we implement much needed property tax reform to lessen the financial burdens on our residents. As the elected state representatives of one of the five boroughs of New York City, we are united in our efforts to work toward modernizing an antiquated system and ensuring it is more equitable for all New Yorkers.

Last month the New York City Advisory Commission on Property Tax Reform released its final report in which the commission recommended significant changes to New York City's property tax system. The long-awaited report demonstrates the urgent need for action on these issues at the state level and we are calling on you, our state leadership, to heed the recommendations of the commission and work with us to implement long-overdue changes. For several years, the property tax system in New York City has created undue hardship for countless New Yorkers. The burden of this outdated property tax system has only been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. In recent years, several of us have introduced legislation addressing property tax issues in New York City and we look forward to working together with you to determine which of these bills would best address these issues during this session. Using the final recommendations of the commission as guidance, it is finally time to take action and ensure that we make New York City property tax reform a top priority.

We look forward to working with you on this crucial issue and to providing much needed relief for our constituents and for hard-working people across the five boroughs of New York City.

Sincerely,



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