

**In Support Of Governor Andrew Cuomo's Call For Mandate Relief
And Urging The State Legislature To Work With The Governor To
Enact Meaningful Mandate Relief Including Pension Reform**

Referred to: The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gerentine and Legislators Harris, Maio, Maloney, Gregorius, Provenzano and Rodriguez)

Chairman Terry Bernardo and Co-Sponsors: Legislators Belfiglio, Harris, and Ronk offer the following:

WHEREAS, the cost of New York's mandates including the public employee retirement system is substantial, and

WHEREAS, Governor Cuomo is actively working to reduce the burden of unfunded mandates which burden taxpayers across New York, and

WHEREAS, the historic belief that public sector workers earned less in order to receive enhanced benefits, including pensions, is no longer true in Ulster County; and the reality is that many public sector salaries and benefits, including pensions, are superior to many private sector careers in Ulster County, and

WHEREAS, Governor Cuomo has called for a new pension tier, which his office asserts will save the State and local governments outside of New York City \$83 billion and New York City \$30 billion over the next 30 years, and

WHEREAS, during this month of March, the State budget, including mandate relief and pension reform is being actively negotiated, and

WHEREAS, Governor Cuomo has endeavored to work toward mandate relief, and

WHEREAS, the Governor has expressed his willingness to work and negotiate with the Legislature to adopt meaningful mandate relief, including pension reform for new State employees, and

WHEREAS, Governor Cuomo has provided capable, sensible, and responsible leadership to better New York, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Ulster County hereby supports Governor Andrew Cuomo's recognition that long term pension reform is an important part of mandate relief, and urges the State Legislature, during these, what are hoped to be the waning days of budget negotiations to work with the Governor and enact meaningful mandate relief and pension reform which, while preserving the intent of the pension system,

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provides substantial and necessary savings to property taxpayers now and for decades to come,

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

Passed Committee: _____ on _____

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
TO BE DETERMINED

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