

ASSEMBLYMAN  
**MICHAEL MONTESANO**  
IS CHALLENGING ALBANY AND  
LONG ISLANDERS TO KEEP  
NY MOVING FORWARD!

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM  
ASSEMBLYMAN MICHAEL MONTESANO

*Dear Neighbor,*

*While we made enormous  
accomplishments this year, there is more  
to be done to put New York State back on  
the path to fiscal solvency. I look forward  
to working with constituents throughout  
the 15th Assembly District to create*

*jobs, build the economy,  
and move New York State  
forward toward a brighter  
and better future. Let's keep  
the conversation going on  
Facebook!*

*Best regards,*

*Michael A. Montesano*



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A LEGISLATIVE UPDATE FROM  
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**2011 SESSION  
WRAP-UP:**

**PROTECTING  
LONG ISLAND  
TAXPAYERS**

**MOVING  
NEW YORK  
FORWARD**

PROTECTING  
L.I. TAXPAYERS

## Assemblyman Montesano is Fighting To Make New York State Accountable

This year, Assemblyman Montesano introduced legislation (Assembly bill 271) that would hold government employees and officials accountable if they are convicted of a felony related to their job. This bill would eliminate the benefits, such as salary and pensions, of state employees or officials convicted of a felonious act.

Assemblyman Montesano is leading the fight to make New York State accountable to every taxpayer. Pension forfeiture for felony convictions passed this year as part of the Governor's ethics bill.

- Passing the first on-time State Budget in recent memory WITHOUT tax increases or borrowing;
- Enacting a real property tax cap that includes some mandate relief;
- Making the Recharge New York (Power for Jobs) program permanent; this allows for low cost energy to job creators; and
- Passing historic bi-partisan ethics reform.



MOVING FORWARD

## Assemblyman Montesano's Plan for 2012

When it comes to moving New York State forward, Assemblyman Montesano has been working tirelessly to fix Albany, cut government waste, restore integrity, and create long-term, private-sector jobs. He proved this by voting for the ReCharge New York program and authoring legislation to remove benefits for felony convictions related to abuse of office by state employees and officials. Pension forfeiture passed as part of the Governor's ethics reform package.

### Tax Relief for Small Business and Manufacturers

To create long-term, private-sector jobs in New York State, Assemblyman Montesano is fighting to remove the bureaucratic red tape and provide tax relief to small businesses and manufacturers.

### Unfunded Mandate Relief

In order for the real property tax cap to be successful, there needs to be further unfunded mandate relief. Assemblyman Montesano is working to pass comprehensive and extensive mandate relief to help local governments and school districts lower our taxes. Unfunded mandates are forced onto local governments and school districts. As a result, school district and local government operating budgets have skyrocketed.

This also makes it more expensive to deliver essential services and quality education. If state government provides direct relief and puts a stop to the unfunded mandate process, local governments, schools, homeowners, and business owners all will benefit.



## Fostering a Community of Growth Assemblyman Montesano Working to Help Those with Autism

As a community leader, Assemblyman Montesano has fought hard to bring relief and aid to families of those with autism. Autism is a disorder of neural development characterized by impaired social interaction and communication, and by restricted and repetitive behaviors. Autism affects information processing in the brain.

Assemblyman Montesano has led the charge by introducing legislation to help the autism community. As a sponsor of Assembly bill 6305A, Assemblyman Montesano helped pass legislation that brings New York in line with 23 other states in requiring insurance coverage for conditions relating to autism spectrum disorder. Assemblyman Montesano also introduced Assembly bill 139, which provides a tax credit to parents to help cover expenses incurred as a result of the child being treated for autism, and Assembly bill 275, which creates the Teacher Training Initiative Fund for autism to support research in finding the best techniques and practices for teaching children with autism.



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