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It's October 19th and Only 63 Days Left to Act...So, Where is the Tool Kit?

"[W]e have more work to do, the tool kit has to happen...We need civil service reform, we need arbitration reform. There's things we need to do, in order, now that we put this cap on governments we've got to give the governments tool's so that they can live within this cap." - Senate President Steve Sweeney, 7/3/2010

Senate President Steve Sweeney (D-Gloucester/Cumberland/Salem): "[W]e have more work to do, the tool kit has to happen."

"I've always said the bills would be moving in the fall and that we would be having hearings and we are." Sweeney insists he's always said work on the tool kit would be completed by early to mid-October." (Kevin McArdle, "Hearing Today on Race to the Top Gaffe," NJ 101.5 FM
<<http://www.nj1015.com/Hearing-Today-on-Race-to-the-Top-Gaffe/8087369>>, 9/7/2010)

"The new cap on its own is not the end-all and be-all of our efforts to help New Jersey's long-beleaguered property taxpayers," said Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney (D-Gloucester/Cumberland/Salem), who sponsored the new cap law. "County governments, town councils and school boards all need the flexibility to ensure the cap works." (Senate Starts Loading Up Property Tax Reform 'Tool Kit' <<http://www.njsendems.com/release.asp?rid=3571>>, 9/30/2010)

Assembly Speaker Sheila Y. Oliver (D-Essex/Passaic): "Those issues deserve our attention and they will get our attention."

"We know we have many things to take care of, but nothing is more important than the people of New Jersey and nothing is more important to them and to me than jobs, the economy and property taxes. Those issues deserve our attention and they will get our attention. As Assembly Speaker, I want to create an environment where we can in a bipartisan nature address problems that face real people. After all, that's what the people of New Jersey clearly want." (Oliver Unveils Assembly Focus On Economy, Jobs & Property Taxes; Invites Public To Provide Ideas On Solving N.J.'s Problems <<http://www.assemblydems.com/Article.asp?ArticleID=2142>>, 1/12/2010)

Senate Majority Leader Barbara Buono (D-Middlesex): "Now we need to continue with the momentum...and work toward meaningful property tax reform."

"This new cap law is not the final word to be written on reining-in New Jersey's property taxes, but the first broad stroke in reforming a system that is unfair, unworkable and untenable. Property taxpayers won't be happy with only seeing smaller increases. They want their property taxes to go down. Now we need to continue with the momentum from today's vote and work toward meaningful property tax reform." (Buono Hails Passage Of 2% Cap As 'First Broad Stroke' In Writing Property Tax Reform <<http://www.njsendems.com/release.asp?rid=3455>>, 7/8/2010)

Senate Budget Chair Paul Sarlo (D-Bergen, Essex, and Passaic): "Property taxes in New Jersey are out of control, and any relief we can provide to taxpayers has to be pursued."

"Yesterday's ceremony struck an important and necessary bipartisan tone, and as we prepare for the many challenges that lie ahead - particularly when it comes to improving our State's financial health and lowering our highest-in-the-nation property taxes - we need to look past partisan labels and accept good ideas, no matter where they come from. The campaigns are over, and though I expect we will still have ideological disagreements from time to time, whether we're Democrats or Republicans, we're all in this together when it comes to our State's economic well-being and chronic budgetary problems." (Sarlo Statement On The Inauguration Of Chris Christie <<http://www.njsendems.com/release.asp?rid=3099>>, 1/20/2010)

"Property taxes in New Jersey are out of control, and any relief we can provide to taxpayers has to be pursued..." (Sarlo Measure To Streamline Property Tax Reassessment Advances <<http://www.njsendems.com/release.asp?rid=2967>>, 11/23/2009)

Senator Jim Whelan (D-Atlantic): "...we still have more work to do."

"The property tax cap bill which was signed into law today represents New Jersey state government's best attempt to control runaway local property taxes. For far too long, New Jersey residents have had to endure tax increase after tax increase, to the point where many have been driven out of their homes by the high cost of living in the Garden State... While we still have more work to do to make New Jersey affordable, this cap is a significant step in the right direction."

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(Whelan Statement On Signing Of Property Tax Cap <<http://www.njsendems.com/release.asp?rid=3461>> 2.0, 7/13/2010)

"Lowering the tax cap to help hold the line on our highest-in-the-nation property taxes is the right thing to do for the residents of New Jersey." (Moriarty Introduces Bill To Cap Local Property Tax Growth At .5 Percent <<http://www.assemblydems.com/Article.asp?ArticleID=2712>>, 6/14/2010)

Senator Shirley Turner (D-Mercer): "Reduction of property taxes is essential to keeping businesses and families from exiting our state."

"Reduction of property taxes is essential to keeping businesses and families from exiting our state. Lower property taxes will, in turn, create an attractive environment for companies to relocate in New Jersey, which is critical for our economic recovery efforts, providing new work opportunities for those who are unemployed and improving our slumping housing market." (Senator Turner Urges Governor Christie To Press For Constitutional Convention On Tax Reform <<http://www.njsendems.com/release.asp?rid=3096>>, 1/19/2010)

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