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Governor Commends Legislature on Passage of Tax Relief Bill

Gov. Christie Whitman today issued the following statement following the Assembly's passage of the NJ SAVER property tax relief legislation:

"One billion dollars in direct property tax relief for 2 million New Jerseyans came another step closer to becoming a reality today. I commend the Legislature for speeding the passage of this bill to bring long-awaited tax relief to the citizens of this state.

"I continue to believe that we need to keep working to bring about permanent change to reduce the state's property taxes. However, the program passed today will provide immediate tax relief to property owners."