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Trenton, NJ - Today, the Governor's Office announced the support of 57 mayors from Burlington, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth and Ocean counties for Governor Chris Christie's Cap 2.5 constitutional amendment and Reform Agenda to bring real property tax relief to New Jersey families. Mayors are on the frontline of the property tax crisis, forced to deal with ballooning expenses, unfunded mandates, and cost-drivers which in many cases they have little control over.

"Governor Christie's Cap 2.5 Reform Agenda provides the necessary steps required to rebuild our state," said Jackson Mayor Michael Reina. "I admire Christie's bold move to cap property taxes, showing that New Jersey is working for its people, and not the other way around. I support the Christie Reform Agenda and ask that Mayors around the State make the same decision. It is time to give our tax-payers a well deserved break."

Legislative committee approval for the Cap 2.5 constitutional amendment is needed before the first week of July in order to meet the deadline for the bill to be moved to the floor and approved for placement on the ballot and consideration by the voters in November. Governor Christie is urging the Assembly and Senate leadership and legislators of both parties to work with him in putting this critical government reform before the voters for approval this November.

Today's announcement follows the release of 81 mayors from Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union and Warren counties for the Governor's Reform Agenda, bringing the running total of mayors from around the state supporting the Governor's reform for real property tax relief to 138, and growing.

On May 10th, the Governor outlined a sweeping 33-bill reform package to solve New Jersey's property tax crisis and control spending at every level of government. The centerpiece of the plan is Cap 2.5, a constitutional amendment creating a 2.5 percent cap on property tax increases.

Property taxes have grown an astonishing 70% over the last ten years, resulting in an average annual property tax bill of \$7,281 on New Jersey families - the highest rate in the nation. Cap 2.5 will halt the astonishing growth in property taxes while the Christie Reform Agenda will give towns and school boards the tools needed to control spending to make Cap 2.5 both realistic and achievable.

Mayors From Burlington, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth & Ocean Counties That Have Endorsed Cap 2.5 & Governor Christie's Reform Agenda:

Burlington County

- Mayor Jim Lynch, Bordentown City
- Mayor Kate Fitzpatrick, Delanco
- Mayor Randy Brown, Evesham
- Mayor Arthur Puglia, Mansfield
- Mayor Robert Martin, Medford
- Mayor Paul Weiss, Medford Lakes
- Mayor Daniel Roccato, Moorestown
- Mayor Dennis Roehr, New Hanover
- Mayor Robert Martin, Riverton
- Mayor James Young, Southampton

Hunterdon County

- Mayor Mark Peck, Bloomsbury
- Mayor Kevin Cimei, Clinton Township
- Mayor Stanley Kovach, Glen Gardner
- Mayor Edward Burdzy, Holland

Mercer County

- Mayor Jack Ball, Ewing
- Mayor Robert Patten, Hightstown Borough
- Mayor Dave Fried, Robbinsville

Middlesex County

- Mayor Wilda Diaz, Perth Amboy
- Mayor Ray Eppinger, South River

Monmouth County

- Mayor Frederick Rast, Atlantic Highlands
- Mayor Kenneth Florek, Colts Neck

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Mayor Serena DiMaso, Esq., Holmdel
Mayor Bob Walsh, Howell Township
Mayor Andrew Lucas, Manalapan Township
Mayor Gerry Scharfenberger, Middletown Township
Mayor Thomas Amone, Neptune City
Mayor Michael Mahon, Oceanport Boro
Mayor John Ekdahl, Rumson
Mayor Maria Fernandes, Sea Bright
Mayor Mark Clemmensen, Sea Girt
Mayor Terel Cooperhouse, Shrewsbury
Mayor Paul Smith, Union Beach
Mayor Stanley Moslowski, Upper Freehold

Ocean County

Mayor Jeffrey Melchiondo, Barnegat
Mayor Kirk Larson, Barnegat Light Borough
Mayor William Curtis, Bay Head
Mayor Michael Battista, Beach Haven Borough
Mayor Ronald Jones, Beachwood Borough
Mayor Stephen Acropolis, Brick
Mayor Michael Reina, Jackson
Mayor Gary Quinn, Lacey
Mayor Steven Langert, Lakewood
Mayor Walter LaCicero, Lavallette
Mayor Joseph Mancini, Long Beach Township
Mayor Mike Fressola, Manchester
Mayor George Nebel, Mantoloking
Mayor Joe Lachawiec, Ocean Township
Mayor Paul Kennedy, Ocean Gate
Mayor Martin Konkus, Point Pleasant
Mayor William Huelsenbeck, Ship Bottom
Mayor Leonard Connors, Surf City
Mayor Thomas Kelaher, Toms River
Mayor Lewis "Lee" Eggert, Tuckerton Borough

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