



In Case You Missed It: Voters Should Have Say On Christie's Cap

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ON GOVERNOR CHRISTIE'S CAP 2.5 REFORM AGENDA:

"Christie sees the tight cap as a way to force the consolidation of services in various levels of government and educational institutions. And he's right. There is always going to be foot dragging when it comes to consolidation -- whether with schools or government services -- until all options have been exhausted. That's why in the long run Christie's approach makes sense."

ON URGING THE LEGISLATURE TO PASS GOVERNOR CHRISTIE'S CAP 2.5 REFORM AGENDA:

"The Democratic-controlled state Legislature has to move Christie's measure in the next couple of weeks to get it on the November ballot. We urge the Legislature to move and pass it, so that voters can decide for themselves whether a constitutionally guaranteed cap is the best way to control ever-increasing property taxes in New Jersey, which already has the highest property taxes in the nation."

ON THE PROBLEM WITH A LEGISLATIVE CAP:

"Imposing a cap by state legislation has the inherent problem that it would be much easier for the political leaders to create exceptions or even repeal the law. And keep in mind that New Jersey already has a cap on property taxes of 4 percent. That's obviously not working out too well. The problem is that our elected leaders have found plenty of ways to get around that rule."

ON THOSE WHO OPPOSE CAP 2.5 JUST WANTING TO KEEP THE STATUS QUO:

"Most of the mayors and legislators who balk at the idea of a constitutional amendment say that elected officials need more flexibility. But that's at the heart of the problem. They want the flexibility to keep doing things the way they have always been done."

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