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Governor Hails Passage of \$1 Billion Tax Relief Plan

Buenos Aires, Argentina-NJ Gov. Christie Whitman today issued this statement following the passage of her NJ SAVER property tax relief program by the Senate Budget and Appropriations and Assembly Appropriations Committees:

"New Jersey property taxpayers moved another step forward today toward receiving \$1 billion in school tax relief. I commend the members of the Senate Budget and Appropriations and Assembly Appropriations Committees for acting so swiftly to provide this substantial property tax relief to state residents.

"This long-awaited tax relief will ultimately provide average taxpayers with a \$600 offset of their school taxes. While we work together to find ways to permanently reduce the tax burden of New Jersey property owners, these checks will put more tax dollars where they belong-in the taxpayers' pockets."

"I am pleased that the Legislature has made this tax relief bill a top priority and I look forward to signing it by April 15, as I pledged in my State of the State address."

