Statement by NYCOM Executive Director Peter A. Baynes on Legislative Consideration of a Permanent Tax Cap

"Municipal leaders across New York have worked diligently to stay under the tax cap, even during the five straight years when the tax cap was well below 2%. Unfortunately they had to do it with virtually no assistance from the state, as municipal aid remained frozen and mandate relief never materialized. Mayors want to do even more to provide relief from New York's regressive property tax, yet the Governor has proposed the elimination of AIM funding for more than 1,300 communities in every county in this state. Now, as the State Legislature considers whether to make the tax cap permanent, it is imperative that prior to such action, every state legislator publicly reject the AIM elimination proposal and in its place increase municipal aid for the first time in a decade and enact legislation prohibiting any future unfunded state mandates."

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