

# NEWS FROM ASSEMBLYMAN MARC MOLINARO

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## **MOLINARO: TAXPAYERS SHOULD NOT SUBSIDIZE PRISON MANSIONS**

*Statement from Assemblyman Marcus J. Molinaro (R,I,C-Red Hook) regarding state-owned prison mansions*

"At a time when New Yorkers are facing severe financial hardship and our state struggles to pay its bills, it is unfathomable to me that some of our state's prison wardens are living lives of luxury at taxpayers' expense. The state Correctional Services Department pays its wardens generously; they can well afford to pay a more realistic amount for their accommodations. There is no need for 22 warden houses, where in one instance a prison superintendent making almost \$145,000 is paying merely \$500 per-month for a 7,000 square-foot home. The state needs to increase its rent on those facilities, convert them to office space, or preferably sell them. This fiscally-irresponsible policy, established in the 1800s when wardens had to live at prisons, illustrates how archaic our state truly is. It is obvious that we must combat the status quo and make the smart choices to cut spending and return tax dollars to our embattled taxpayers."

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