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Task Force Lauds Senate job creation announcement

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NEW YORK, Pressrelease - Members of the Assembly Republican RemainY Task Force today commended Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos for his job creation plan to help keep young people in New York State.

"With the troubling forecast from Wall Street on many people's minds, I am hopeful today's job creation announcement by Senate Majority Leader Skelos will provide a real map for the state's road to economic recovery," said Assemblyman Rob Walker (R,C,I,Wf-Hicksville), Task Force Chair. "I strongly believe the measures included in the plan will help reverse a damaging trend that has scared thousands from living and working in this state."

The \$260+ million plan includes a series of initiatives aimed at revitalizing communities and encouraging young people to stay in New York State. Small business owners would see a cut in taxes, reduced health insurance costs and the elimination of state regulations, red tape and paperwork. For students, the plan would provide low cost loans for those who choose to attend college in New York and remain here after graduating.

"As a member of the Assembly Republican's RemainY Task Force, I have been traveling across the state, gaining insight into what exactly drives so many young people away," said Assemblyman Marc Molinaro (R,C,I-Red Hook), Task Force Vice-Chair. "The main priorities brought up at every single meeting continue to be the cost of living and quality of life. These seemingly unforgiving financial hurdles are the root of the problem and must be addressed immediately."

"One of the biggest threats this state faces is the loss of young minds," said Assemblyman Jack Quinn (R,C,I-Hamburg), Task Force Vice-Chair. "This plan will help launch New York back into the arena of competitive careers and sustainable communities."

According to Census data, a full 22 percent of all New Yorkers aged 20-34 years moved out of the state between 1990 and 2000. Young families in particular are faced with choosing between moving out of state to pursue their careers or remaining in their hometowns and dealing with problems such as lack of affordable housing, high property taxes, availability of quality jobs and the overall high cost of living.

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