

## **Statement from Dutchess County Executive Marcus J. Molinaro**

*Following the New York State Court of Appeals Decision  
Declining to Hear Appeal of Ruling Upholding MTA Payroll Tax*

*"We are frustrated the MTA payroll tax will continue to burden our local business employers as well as governments. At an annual cost to Dutchess County Government of \$350,000, the MTA tax is just one more example of the state imposed mandates that make up 70% of Dutchess County Government's net costs and consume taxpayers dollars. While the MTA provides a valuable and necessary service, much more must to be done to find efficiency within the MTA organization and reduce costs. The MTA tax unfairly burdens local businesses whose employees may never use MTA services and is an impediment to business growth and expansion during a period when we need economic development growth more than ever before."*

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