

**Supporting The Passage Of New York State Senate Bill 3812B And Assembly Bill A7713A, An Act To Amend The State Tax Law To Permanently Authorize Certain Counties, Cities And School Districts To Impose Up To A Four Percent Rate Of Sales And Compensating Use Taxes**

Referred to: The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gerentine and Legislators Bartels, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio and Maloney, Provenzano, and Rodriguez)

Legislators Jeanette Provenzano and Richard Gerentine and Legislator Wishnick offer the following:

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 3812B and Assembly Bill A7713 have been introduced in the 2013-2014 Legislative Session which authorizes counties to impose taxes describe at their current rate without having to seek reauthorization from the State every two years; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature has requested, on a biannual basis, State legislation allowing the County to continue the additional sales and compensating use tax rate of 1% (one percent) for an additional twenty-four months; and

WHEREAS, this request is similarly made by fifty-two (52) counties and five (5) cities throughout New York State; and

WHEREAS, these requests have placed unnecessary administrative procedures and burdens on what has become routine requests for both the State and local governments, incurring additional time and expense by staff; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County recently experienced the additional administrative burdens and fiscal impacts when a proper and timely home rule request for legislation is delayed and/or withheld during a given New York State Legislative session; and

WHEREAS, this legislation will provide the necessary flexibility for counties and cities to secure needed revenues as local requirements dictate, without the need for special State legislation while minimizing the compliance problems for local businesses required to collect sales and use taxes; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature urges the New York State Governor and Legislature to ensure the passage of Senate Bill 3812B and Assembly Bill A7713A within this legislative session; and, be it further

