



New York Death Tax Voter Guide Election 2010

Death Tax Repeal matters for New York

In just a few short weeks the death tax (aka, federal estate tax) comes roaring back to life at the rate of 55% on all estates above \$1 million.

Former Congressional Budget Office Director Douglass Holtz-Eakin has calculated that reinstating the death tax will cost the country 1.4 million small-business jobs.¹ Despite the catastrophic consequences of the death tax, many in Congress support reinstating it.

The voter guide indicates whether candidates have committed to supporting permanent death tax repeal by signing the *Death Tax Repeal Pledge*. The guide also provides the legislative voting record for incumbent members of the U.S. Senate and House.

Please review the guide before voting and share with your friends, family members, and colleagues. PDF copies of the guide are available at www.nodeathtax.org/election2010. Don't forget to vote!

U.S. Senate Candidates

Candidate	Repeal Pledge Signer?	H.R. 4213 (2010)	Amend. 873 Bud. Res. 13 (2009)	H.R. 8 (2006)	H.R. 1836 (2001)	H.R. 8 (2000)
Sen. Chuck Schumer (D)	NOT SIGNER	NO	NO	NOT VOTING	NO	NO
Jay Townsend (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE					
Randy Credico (L)	NOT SIGNED					

U.S. Senate Candidates – Special Election

Candidate	Repeal Pledge Signer?	H.R. 4213 (2010)	Amend. 873 Bud. Res. 13 (2009)	H.R. 8 (2006)	H.R. 1836 (2001)	H.R. 8 (2000)
Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D)	NOT SIGNED	NO	NO			
Joe DioGuardi (R)	NOT SIGNED					

¹ See Douglas Holtz-Eakin and Cameron T. Smith, "Growth Consequences of Estate Tax Reform: Impacts on Small and Family Businesses," *American Family Business Foundation*, September 2010.

Vote Key:

H.R. 4213 (2010): Would have instructed the Senate Finance Committee to redraft legislation to include permanent death tax repeal.

H.R. 8 (2006): Would have permanently repealed the death tax.

H.R. 8: (2002): Would have permanently repealed the death tax.

H.R. 1836 (2001): Temporarily repealed the death tax (among other tax relief measures).

H.R. 8 (2000): Would have permanently repealed the death tax.

Amendment 873 Bud. Res 13 (2009): Would have set aside room in the budget to make the death tax permanent at the rate of 35% with a \$5 million individual exemption.

Blue represents a vote for repeal or reform of the estate tax. Red represents a vote to maintain the death tax status quo.

Candidates who were not in office at the time of the vote are listed blank for the relevant vote. Candidates who were in office but chose not to vote for the legislation are listed as "not voting."

U.S. House Candidates

Candidate	Repeal Pledge Signer?	H.R. 4154 (2009)	H.R. 3056 (2007)	H.R. 8 (2002)	H.R. 1836 (2001)
District 1					
Rep. Tim Bishop (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	NO	NO	
Randy Altschuler (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE				
Chris Cantwell (L)	NOT SIGNED				
Chris Cox (Tax)	SIGNED PLEDGE				
District 2					
Rep. Steve Israel (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	NO	YES	YES
John Gomez (R)	NOT SIGNED				
District 3					
Rep. Pete King (R)	NOT SIGNED	NO	YES	YES	NOT VOTING
Howard Kudler (D)	NOT SIGNED				
District 4					
Rep. Carolyn McCarthy (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	NO	YES	YES
Fran Becker (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE				
Frank Scaturro (C)	SIGNED PLEDGE				
District 5					
Rep. Gary Ackerman (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	NO	NO	NOT VOTING
James Milano (R)	NOT SIGNED				
District 6					
Rep. Gregory Meeks (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	NO	NO	NO

Asher Taub (R)	NOT SIGNED				
District 7					
Rep. Joe Crowley (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	NO	NO	NO
Ken Reynolds (R)	NOT SIGNED				
District 8					
Rep. Jerrold Nadler (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	NO	NO	NO
Susan Kone (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE				
Steven Leiner (I)	NOT SIGNED				
District 9					
Rep. Anthony Weiner (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	NO	NO	NO
Bob Turner (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE				
District 10					
Rep. Ed Towns (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	NO	YES	NOT VOTING
Diana Muniz (R)	NOT SIGNED				
District 11					
Rep. Yvette Clarke (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	NO		
Hugh Carr (R)	NOT SIGNED				
District 12					
Rep. Nydia Velazquez (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	NO	NO	NO
District 13					
Rep. Mike McMahon (D)	NOT SIGNED				
Mike Grimm (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE				
Tom Venditteli (L)	NOT SIGNED				
District 14					
Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	NOT VOTING	NO	NO
Ryan Brumberg (R)	NOT SIGNED				
District 15					
Rep. Charlie Rangel (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	NO	NO	NO
Michel Faulkner (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE				
Craig Schley (I)	NOT SIGNED				

District 16					
Rep. Jose Serrano (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	NO	NO	NO
Frank Della Valle (R)	NOT SIGNED				
District 17					
Rep. Eliot Engel (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	NO	NO	NO
York Kleinhandler (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE				
District 18					
Rep. Nita Lowey (D)	NOT SIGNED	NO	NO	NO	NO
Jim Russell (R)	NOT SIGNED				
District 19					
Rep. John Hall (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	NO		
Nan Hayworth (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE				
District 20					
Rep. Scott Murphy (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES			
Chris Gibson (R)	NOT SIGNED				
District 21					
Rep. Paul Tonko (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES			
Ted Danz (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE				
District 22					
Rep. Maurice Hinchey (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	NO	NO	NO
George Phillips (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE				
District 23					
Rep. Bill Owens (D)	NOT SIGNED	NO			
Matt Doheny (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE				
Doug Hoffman (C)	SIGNED PLEDGE				
District 24					
Rep. Mike Arcuri (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	NO		
Richard Hanna (R)	NOT SIGNED				

E. Logan Bell (L)	NOT SIGNED				
District 25					
Rep. Dan Maffei (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES			
Ann Marie Buerkle (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE				
Marc Romain (L)	NOT SIGNED				
District 26					
Rep. Chris Lee (R)	NOT SIGNED	NO			
Philip Fedele (D)	NOT SIGNED				
District 27					
Rep. Brian Higgins (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	NO	NO	
Lenny Roberto (R)	NOT SIGNED				
Dean Sandstrom (L)	NOT SIGNED				
District 28					
Rep. Louise Slaughter (D)	NOT SIGNED	NO	NO	NO	NO
Jill Rowland (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE				
District 29					
Matt Zeller (D)	NOT SIGNED				
Tom Reed (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE				
Janice Volk (write-in)	SIGNED PLEDGE				

Vote Key:

H.R. 4154 (2009): Would have cancelled the 2010 death tax repeal and made the tax permanent at 45% with a \$3.5 million exemption.

H.R. 3056 (2007): Would have instructed the Senate Finance Committee to redraft legislation to include permanent death tax repeal.

H.R. 8: (2005): Would have permanently repealed the death tax.

H.R. 1836 (2001): Temporarily repealed the death tax (among other tax relief measures).

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