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County Clerk Mihalko Speaks Out Against New License Plate Cash Grab

County Clerk Joseph Mihalko continues to stand up for Broome County residents on DMV issues. Many around Broome County have seen the proposal for new license plates and the public online survey asking people to choose their favorite design. Governor Cuomo's new license plate initiative would impose a mandatory license plate replacement beginning in 2020 along with a mandatory replacement fee. Mr. Mihalko is part of a growing bipartisan group of fellow Clerks, legislators and other public officials opposing the state's unilateral action.

"I have heard it estimated that New York State hopes to grab \$100-125 million or more out of the wallets of every day New Yorkers by forcing them to pay for these new license plates in 2020. That is outrageous!" said County Clerk Joe Mihalko. "Instead of trying to find new ways to pick our pockets, the folks in Albany should find more productive ways of spending their time. They need to ensure that all license plates are manufactured correctly and won't peel, and fix the NYS DMV computer system so that it is reliable and doesn't crash on a regular basis. Those are the types of helpful projects that the Governor and the New York State DMV should be worried about."

"It is very devious the way that the Governor and the New York State DMV have tried to roll out these new license plates. While it appears that they are trying to get some public comment and feedback on the new license plate designs, the website they are using is asking for your email when you chose your favorite design. Why do they need your email address? Who is going to have access to those email addresses, and how will they be used? I don't want people in Broome County to have their inboxes flooded with political propaganda or have their email addresses hacked or stolen from some New York State server."

Like some other County Clerks and state legislators, the local DMV offices have petitions that local residents can sign to voice their opposition to this cash grab by New York State.

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