



Merry TAX-mas from Pataki

An enormous tax hike is a rotten way to greet the New Year. But

that's what New York's governor and legislative leaders have in mind.

New Yorkers already pay more taxes than residents of most states.

And New York's treasury is overflowing with surplus money. Yet they

want to double the state's cigarette tax to massively expand a health

care program already financed by taxpayers.

Pardon us for not breaking out the noisemakers and the party hats.

We fear they might be taxed next.

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