

## Happy New Year

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 massive expand a health care program already financed by taxpayers.

When cigarette taxes are doubled, cigarette revenues will decline. What's left? An expanding taxpayer-financed program funded by a declining revenue source.

Pardon us for not breaking out the noisemakers and the party hats. We fear they might be taxed next.

Call your legislator today and voice your opposition.