



Blakeman: Mamdani's Plan to Raid Retiree Funds Is Stealing from Seniors to Cover Reckless Spending

Nassau County Executive and Republican candidate for Governor Bruce Blakeman today slammed New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani for proposing to raid the city's retiree fund and raise property taxes to close a growing budget gap, calling the move "nothing short of stealing from seniors."

"Let's call Mamdani's proposal what it is," Blakeman said. "Raiding funds that were set aside for retirees is stealing from the men and women who worked their entire lives with the promise that their benefits would be protected. Seniors are not a line item to be manipulated when politicians can't control their spending."

Blakeman warned that tapping retiree funds to plug a shortfall jeopardizes the long-term security of thousands of former public employees who rely on those resources for healthcare and financial stability.

"At the same time, raising property taxes to cover a budget mess created by reckless spending is a direct hit on homeowners—many of whom are seniors living on fixed incomes," Blakeman added. "This is a double blow to the very people who can least afford it."

Blakeman also blasted Kathy Hochul for failing to speak out. "Hochul's silence is unacceptable," Blakeman said. "New Yorkers deserve to know whether she stands with retirees and homeowners—or with Mamdani's plan that raids their future and raises their taxes."

Blakeman pledged that, as Governor, he would protect retiree funds, defend seniors, and restore fiscal discipline to ensure New Yorkers are never again forced to pay for politicians' failures.

“Our retirees earned their benefits,” Blakeman said. “They are not a piggy bank for City Hall.”

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