

NEW YORK TAX REFORM ASSOCIATION.

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New York, March 1, 1900.

DEAR SIR:

We have informed you and others of the nature of the Stranahan Bill. It now seems probable that it will fail to pass. As the members of this Association were not unanimous as to the merits of that bill, no formal action has been taken in regard to it.

Senate Bill No. 648 has been introduced by Senator Elsberg, which provides a simple method of apportioning the State Tax, and permits Home Rule in taxation in as satisfactory a manner as the bill we have long advocated. The Elsberg Bill is put forward by real estate owners, and on this account may arouse less opposition than a bill supposed to be in the interests of personal property taxpayers.

The Elsberg Bill has been highly commended by the *New York Times*, *Evening Post*, *Poughkeepsie Eagle*, and *Syracuse Post-Standard*, and has already been endorsed by the Flushing Association of Real Estate Owners.

We enclose a copy of the bill, the address of the West End Association explaining and commending it, and a list of the State Senators. If the bill seems to you satisfactory, will you write to your Senator requesting him to urge its adoption? Letters may also be sent, with advantage, to the members of the Committee on Taxation of the Senate, and to the newspapers urging them to support it.

Yours truly,

LAWSON PURDY, *Secretary*.