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TO: Representatives Ackerman, Bishop, Israel, King and McCarthy

FROM: Susan Bergtraum, President
Martin Kaye, Legislation Chairperson

RE: House Budget Resolution FY 2007

The Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association, representing 111 Long Island boards of education, regrets that it must call upon you to vote "NO" on the House budget resolution unless it is amended to restore the Senate's additional \$7 billion in discretionary funding for education, health and labor programs. This \$7 billion would merely restore funding levels to FY 2005, a disturbing indicator of the Federal government's continued lack of financial support for its mandates on public education.

By agreeing to the Administration's budget request, the House would keep Title I and special education underfunded by approximately \$18 billion next year, compared to the funding levels Congress authorized when passing the No Child Left Behind Act and the Individuals With Disabilities Improvement Act of 2004.

On behalf of our mutual constituents we call upon Long Island's Congressional Delegation to stand up for our local taxpayers who, once again, would be forced to shoulder the ever-increasing costs of underfunded federal mandates.