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**TO: Senator Kenneth P. LaValle
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**FROM: Susan Bergtraum, President
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RE: S.2404-B A.4641-B

The Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association has long held that an inadequate share of state aid has contributed to the unfair burden placed on Long Island's local property tax base.

In an expression of sympathy for a hard-pressed segment of property taxpayers, a number of Suffolk County boards of education have supported the above referenced bills that would establish "a capped real property school tax rate for persons seventy years of age or older who meet the eligibility requirements for the enhanced STAR exemption".

The Bills have been sent on to our Legislation and Executive Committees for review. However, we are hindered in our assessment by a lack of crucial information regarding the potential impact of this legislation. Kindly share with us your understanding of the fiscal implications of this proposal.

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