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TO: Long Island NYS Senate and Assembly Delegations

FROM; Jay L.T. Breakstone, President  
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RE: NYS Local School Levy Cap  
WHERE IS THE PROMISED MANDATE RELIEF?

Pension Reform?  
3020a Reform?  
Health Insurance Reform?  
Wicks Law Repeal?

NOT!

~~There is an earnest effort to address mandate relief items that don't cause controversy.~~ *Senator Marc Molinaro (R-Tivoli) June 22, 2011*

~~Not big things, but a lot of little things.~~ *Senator Betty Little R- Queensbury) June 22, 2011*

Beginning in January of this year, boards of education have confronted the challenges presented in these most difficult of economic times. In open forum they made the tough, controversial decisions necessary to craft school budgets that endeavored to protect the educational and fiscal integrity of their communities schools.

In turn, Long Island voters accepted the need for those tough decisions and overwhelmingly passed their school district budgets.

WHERE THEN ARE THE TOUGH DECISIONS ON THE PART OF LONG ISLAND'S NYS LEGISLATORS?

WHERE IS THE MANDATE RELIEF PROMISED SINCE JANUARY?

WHERE HAS BEEN THE REFLECTION AND OPEN DELIBERATION ON THE DECISION TO CEDE TO THE GOVERNOR CONTROL OF SCHOOLS' LOCAL REVENUES?

ESTABLISHING YET ANOTHER COMMISSION DOES NOT MEASURE UP TO THE COURAGE CALLED FOR TO DEAL WITH THE CURRENT CRISIS

Is the NYS Legislature about to give itself a ~~Get Out of Albany Free Card~~ and once again leave the tough decisions to local boards of education?