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*RE: Errors in first-half school tax bills received by Nassau County homeowners*

Dear Acting Assessor Cronin:

We write today to express our profound concerns regarding substantial errors that have been identified in the school tax bills received by Nassau County property owners - errors that have potentially impacted more than 800 property owners and sparked tremendous worry and anxiety among our constituents.

To date, numerous Nassau County property owners have reached out to the Minority Caucus after receiving their first-half school tax bills and being shocked to discover they purportedly owed significantly more than what they had anticipated based upon previous tax bills and the value of their respective homes. Patterns we have observed in tax bills that were provided to us by aggrieved homeowners indicate these errors were most likely caused by the misapplication of the Taxpayer Protection Program (TPP) five-year phase-in - a program that was enacted by the Nassau County Legislature beginning in the 2020-21 tax year.

At this point in the phase-in, single-family residential property owners should be seeing a 40 percent exemption on the increase in equalized assessed value from the 2020-21 reassessment. Instead, however, it appears that the TPP exemption was erroneously eliminated for hundreds of homeowners, resulting in the staggering increases that are now being reported. In one example, a homeowner's exemption appears to have been almost entirely removed, resulting in an approximately 62-percent increase in their tax bill.

In the aftermath of this incident, it is incumbent upon the Department of Assessment to immediately determine the full extent of these errors so that it can expeditiously submit correction of error petitions to the Legislature for approval. Additionally, the Department must conduct all necessary outreach to the public to ensure that no property owner inadvertently pays more than they truly owe.

Thereafter, it is our belief that an independent investigation is necessary so that the County can determine exactly what went wrong and implement all necessary corrective actions and best practices in the interest of preventing such a shocking error from occurring again.

We look forward to your reply on this matter of utmost importance to Nassau County residents.

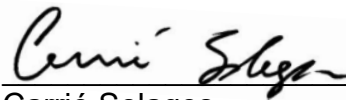
Sincerely,



Kevan Abrahams, Minority Leader



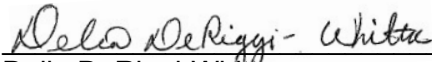
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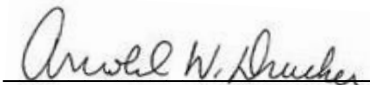
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