



Automatic Senior/Disability Low Income Exemption Renewals

December 8, 2020

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York State
NYS State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo,

Thank you for your tireless work to date in the fight against COVID-19. Without question, there is a long road ahead, and you can rest assured that municipalities across the State are also trying to do their part to flatten the curve and assist those most in need. To that end, municipalities need your immediate intervention in the form of an executive order creating an automatic Senior/Disability Low Income Exemption renewal for this year before the deadline of March 1st, 2021.

As you know, it is not business as usual for anyone in New York State right now. This new status quo has taken its toll on all, but our seniors and disabled are bearing the brunt of it. The last thing these aforementioned populations need to worry about is the red tape associated with renewing their Senior/Disability Low Income Exemptions. An executive order that would grant a local option to dispense with the traditional renewal process and create an automatic renewal would bring some real much-needed relief. A similar mechanism has been successfully put in place for the Enhanced STAR Exemption, so the framework for such a change already exists.

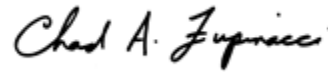
We believe our plea represents a growing trend among municipalities, and hope that you can sense the urgency regarding this matter. We deeply care about all those we serve, and we believe that this effort in some small way will help the entire State move forward.

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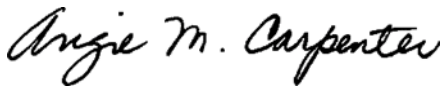
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