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Dear Mr. Graber,

First, I would like to extend my appreciation for contacting me regarding your concerns with Senate bill 6286, in relation to the reinstatement of the STAR rebate program for seniors. I realize the impact of rising taxes and expenses for persons on a fixed income, especially seniors.

Additionally, I also realize that real property taxes are a serious burden for many senior homeowners with limited incomes. Prior to my election the STAR Rebate program was discontinued in the SFY 2009-10 Budget; however this bill will give additional help to senior homeowners with limited incomes who are struggling to afford to remain in their homes.

It is because of these reason that I am a co-sponsor of Senate Bill 6286 and fully support the reenactment of the STAR program rebate program for seniors starting with the 2012-13 school year.

Again thank you for contacting me and for your continued support in my efforts to better serve the people of Erie County.

Sincerely,

Mark J. Grisanti  
Senator, 60<sup>th</sup> District

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