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Mr. Robert Graber, Clerk of the Legislature
Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street
Buffalo, NY 14202

Dear Mr. Graber:

I am writing to request permission to make a brief (10 -15 minute) presentation to the Erie County Legislature about the new registration program for the Basic STAR exemption. State legislation was passed this year requiring all homeowners receiving the Basic STAR property tax exemption to register with the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance to retain their exemption for 2014.

Within the next few weeks, homeowners in Western NY will be receiving mail that will explain how to register for STAR. In addition to these direct mailings to taxpayers, we would like to meet with county legislative bodies, city councils, and town boards to explain the registration process and encourage taxpayer response. We believe a presentation will help increase public awareness of the new requirement and provide background information to County Legislators who may receive questions from their constituents. We would like to do these meetings in late August or in September to coincide with the mailing to taxpayers. Please let me know the earliest date we can appear on the Legislature's agenda.

You may contact me at (585)343-4363 with any questions.

Sincerely,

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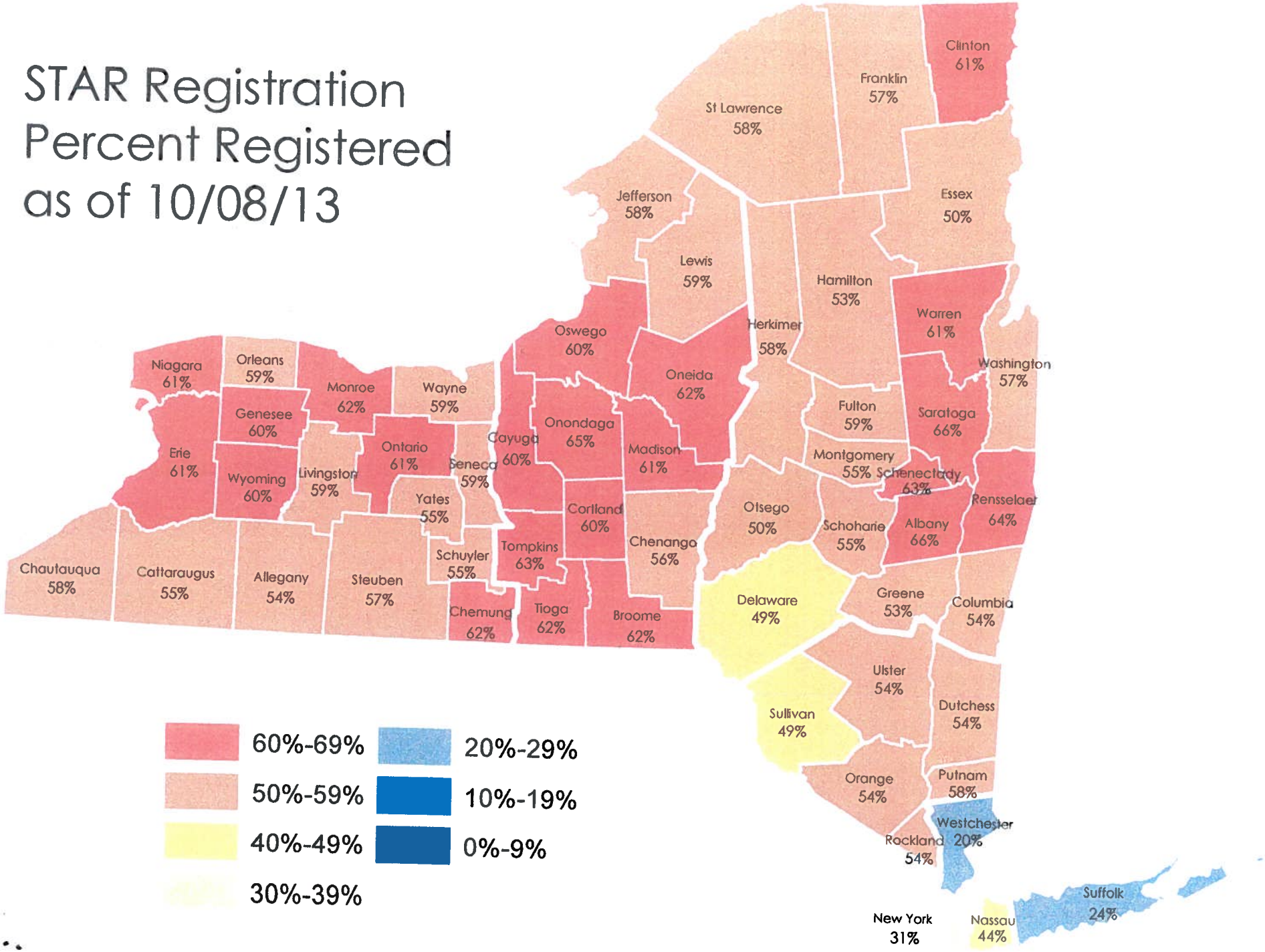
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