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Robert M. Graber
Clerk of the Legislature of Erie County
92 Franklin Street
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Dear Mr. *Bob* Graber:

My office is in receipt of the Erie County Legislature's resolution dated March 15, 2012 regarding potential reinstatement of the senior STAR rebate.

The discontinued STAR rebate program provided much welcomed relief to senior citizens throughout the state. Many survive on a fixed income that becomes smaller and smaller every time school taxes increase. Due to fiscal constraints, New York had to discontinue the program.

The good news is that the budget is scheduled to pass on time for the second year in a row. It is a responsible proposal that holds the line on spending while not increasing taxes. This marks a turn in Albany where government is beginning to work for the people again. As the finances of the state continue to improve, I will make sure that programs like the senior STAR rebate, that was once abandoned, will be re-evaluated.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any other concerns.

Sincerely,

Patrick M. Gallivan
Senator – 59th District

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