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Dear Homeowner:

After a year of me lobbying on behalf of property owners whose homes were damaged by Superstorm Sandy, I am happy to report that Governor Andrew Cuomo recently signed a series of laws to help ease the property tax burden of affected homeowners.

This long awaited legislation, the "Superstorm Sandy Assessment Relief Act," will grant Nassau County the legal authority to adjust, retroactively, any property tax assessment to account for losses in value due to Superstorm Sandy. Once the County Legislature passes an "opt-in" local law, qualifying property owners will have until January 21, 2014 (90 days from the October 22, 2013 signing) to make a formal written request to the assessor to ensure that they can be issued any approved property tax refund or credit.

If you have already filed a "Property Damage Review Form" (PDRF) with the Department of Assessment, you do not have to resubmit the form. If you have additional cost information that was not submitted with your original application, please feel free to send that information to the Department of Assessment immediately at 240 Old Country Road, Mineola, NY 11501. Homeowners who have yet to report structural damages caused by the Superstorm will be asked to submit a NYS Superstorm Sandy Relief Application (RP-5849-APP) that has been prepared by the NYS Office of Real Property Tax Services (ORPTS). The form is available on the Department of Assessment's website www.mynassauproperty.com. form cannot be processed unless you submit any and all cost estimates in response to *Instruction 7*.

The amount of a tax refund, credit or assessment reduction will depend upon the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) damage assessment determination and/or information provided to the Department of Assessment based on bills paid to licensed contractors or paid homeowner insurance claims.

If you have any questions, please contact the Department of Assessment at (516) 571-1500. Because of the volume of calls that the Department receives at this time of year, I encourage you to e-mail Acting Assessor Jim Davis at NCSandyRelief@nassaucountyny.gov. We are happy to provide you with the property tax relief that you deserve and have waited for, for over a year.

Sincerely,

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County Executive