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Mr. Bernard D. Ryba  
201 McCouns Lane  
Old Brookville, New York 11545

Dear Mayor Ryba,

I am writing in response to your letter in which you express your concerns over the announcement of the closure of the Glenwood Landing Power Plant and the significant loss of tax revenue that will result. Thank you for taking the time to write.

I am distinctly aware of the proposed decommissioning of the power plant, and echo your concerns as I am also a resident of Glen Head. As for the effect of the closure of the power plant on local finances, the full extent of revenue loss and the impact upon the taxpayers cannot immediately be determined although estimates have been given in the amount of \$14 million.

Recent meetings among local leaders including Senator Marcellino, Assemblyman Lavine and myself, the tax assessors office, the North Shore School Board of Education and the town of North Hempstead have revealed projects that will further extend the power plant's existence on the tax rolls. Decommission of the actual plant, environmental clean-up and rezoning by the Town of North Hempstead Zoning Board could take between five and seven years and possibly longer. The town will then determine the use of the property by weighing the proposals of different developers and making the necessary zoning adjustments. The tax assessors will then reassess the property. Then and only then, will we be able to determine the true impact of the closure on the tax revenue of the school district. As you had mentioned in your letter, there are many negative spill-over effects, such as increased property taxes and lower property values. Those will all be determined fairly far after the deconstruction of the physical structure of the plant and will have to be addressed at that time.

Legislation has recently been introduced in the Assembly and Senate to alleviate a negative tax revenue forecast. This legislation, of which I am a co-sponsor, would allow the utilities to make payments in lieu of taxes (PILOT) to local governments including school districts in order to reduce the impact of a negative assessment over a ten year period. I believe this is a step in the right direction.

Be assured that I will remain attentive to this issue and do all that I can for the best interest of our community. If you have any further comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Montesano  
Member of Assembly  
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Assemblyman Michael Montesano  
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March 11, 2012

Dear Assemblyman Montesano:

I write to you requesting your assistance with a serious matter facing our community and the North Shore School system. As Mayor of the Village of Old Brookville, a homeowner and a supporter of our excellent school district and the North Shore School Board of Education, I am deeply concerned about the closure of the National Grid building at the end of Glenwood Road on Hempstead Harbor. The significant property tax loss from the closing of this facility combined with the tax levy limit tax cap would be devastating to our schools and the communities they serve.

I have heard about Senator Marcellino's bill to require the power company to gradually withdraw its tax obligations over time. I urge you to support these efforts and help the residents of the North Shore School District to preserve our excellent schools for now and for the foreseeable future.

Yours truly,

Bernard D. Ryba

Mayor – Village of Old Brookville