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March 4, 2019

Honorable Anna Kaplan
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Dear Senator Kaplan:

I write to take the opportunity to thank you for your support in fighting against the \$59 million cut to the AIM program which, if enacted, would take critical resources away from the Village of Plandome Heights. While the Governor acknowledged the importance of this funding to municipal governments, his 30-day amendments failed to restore the cuts in AIM. Instead, he proposed mandating that counties make the villages and towns whole with county sales tax revenue. We are opposed to this concept of robbing one property taxpayer to pay another and firmly believe that the responsibility to fund the AIM program lies with the State and their progressive revenues. County governments should not be compelled to pay for a State-imposed cut.

We hope we can count on the State Legislature to not only restore the \$59 million in AIM funding but also provide an increase in municipal aid for the first time in a decade. We can assure you this investment will be well worth the return, not only for our communities, but for the State as a whole.

In addition to an increase in unrestricted aid, we respectfully request that you fight for and include the following proposals in your one-house budget.

CHIPS Funding – Locally owned roads are in need of repair, and cities and villages throughout New York need increased funding from our state partner to effect those repairs. The Consolidated Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) has the potential to help municipalities close this ever-increasing funding gap, but not if the funding levels remain stagnant. An increase in CHIPS will not only improve the safety of our highways and bridges, but it will grow the economy and enhance the quality of life in all regions of the State.

Internet Sales Tax – We strongly support the Executive Budget proposal that would require marketplace providers to collect the sales tax on merchandise sold online to New York residents. The estimated increase in both State and local sales tax revenue would relieve pressure on local property taxes, as well as eliminate the competitive disadvantage experienced by our local brick and mortar retailers.

Recreational Marijuana Opt-Out – Every city and village must be given the authority to opt out of having dispensaries located in their community.

I recognize that there are many priorities that must be considered in the context of the State Budget, but I sincerely hope that you can appreciate the widespread positive impacts that would result from the initiatives outlined above. A true state-local partnership is essential to the well-being of New York and its residents. The enactment of these proposals would go a long way toward strengthening that partnership.

Sincerely,
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/s/ Kenneth C. Riscica

Mayor Kenneth C. Riscica

cc: Peter Baynes, NYCOM;
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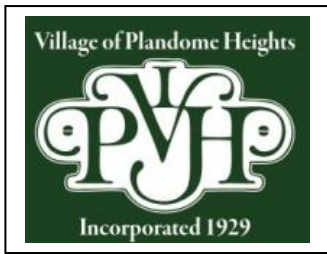
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District Office Assembly, District 16
45 North Station Plaza, Suite 203
Great Neck, NY 11021

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