

Letterhead of Your Cooperative or Condominium

March xx, 2008

Honorable Michael R. Bloomberg
Mayor, City of New York
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Dear Mayor Bloomberg:

I am writing on behalf of the _____ (*insert number*) shareholders in our cooperative (*if a condominium substitute _____ owners of apartments in our condominium*). The inequitable real estate tax treatment of residents in Class 2 cooperatives and condominiums has been recognized at all levels of city and state government. More than a decade ago, tax abatements were instituted as an interim means for addressing this situation; the abatement program has since been extended twice and will sunset again on June 30, 2008. If no action is taken there will be an unintended hiatus in this essential tax reform program.

We appreciate your acknowledgment of the burden placed on home owners in our city. We note that your budget for FY 2009 again includes funding for the abatement. We respectfully request that you support the extension of the tax abatement program for home owners in NYC cooperatives and condominiums by joining in a "Home Rule" recommendation to the State Legislature that the abatement program be extended for four more years.

This extension is necessary to partially address the confirmed inequity and to permit formulation and implementation of a long term plan, which we still hope will be forthcoming from your administration. .

Thank you again for your support of this important issue.

Very truly yours,

Name
Title (if appropriate)

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Honorable Christine Quinn
Speaker of the City Council
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Dear Speaker Quinn:

I am writing on behalf of the _____ (*insert number*) shareholders in our cooperative (*if a condominium substitute _____ owners of apartments in our condominium*). We know that you are aware of the importance of the abatement program for homeowners in NYC cooperatives and condominiums that has now been in place for a decade.

While we would like to see the City present a more permanent way to address the disparity in real estate taxation between class one residences and coop and condo residences in class two, we understand that this goal may still take years to achieve.

Meanwhile, the abatements for the fourth, and final year of the current program will end on June 30th, 2008. If no action is taken there will be a hiatus in this essential tax reform program which was not intended in the existing state legislation.

We respectfully request that you support the inclusion of the funding for extension of the coop and condo tax abatement program in the Fiscal 2009 Budget and that you endorse a "Home Rule" recommendation to extend the current abatement program for four more years.

Thank you again for your support.

Very truly yours,

Name
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Honorable xxxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxx*
Assembly Member xxx District
Address
New York, NY xxxxx-xxxx

Dear Assembly Member xxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxx

I am writing on behalf of the ____ (*insert number*) shareholders in our cooperative located in your district (*if a condominium substitute ____ owners of apartments in our condominium*). We appreciate the State Legislature's role in the continuation of the abatement phase of tax reform for home owners in cooperatives and condominiums in New York City to address the disparity in real estate taxation between Class 1 residences and coop and condo residences in Class 2.

The abatement program has now been in place for more than a decade, but it will end on June 30th, 2008. If no action is taken there will be a hiatus in this essential tax reform program which was not intended in the existing state legislation.

We respectfully request that you support enactment of legislation that will soon be introduced to extend the abatement for four more years. This extension is necessary to partially address the agreed inequity and to permit formulation and implementation of the long term plan.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Very truly yours,

Name
Title (if appropriate)

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Honorable xxxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxx*

Senate Member xxx District

Address

New York, NY xxxxx-xxxx

Dear Senate Member xxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxx

I am writing on behalf of the ____ (*insert number*) shareholders in our cooperative located in your district (*if a condominium substitute ____ owners of apartments in our condominium*). We appreciate the State Legislature's role in the continuation of the abatement phase of coop and condo tax reform. to address the disparity in real estate taxation between Class 1 residences and coop and condo residences in Class 1.

As you are aware, the abatements for the fourth and final year of the current program will end on June 30th, 2008. If no action is taken there will be a hiatus in this essential tax reform program which was not intended in the existing state legislation.

We respectfully request that you support enactment of legislation that will soon be introduced to extend the abatement for four more years. This extension is necessary to partially address the agreed inequity and to permit formulation and implementation of the long term plan.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Very truly yours,

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Honorable xxxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxx*
Council Member xxx District
Address
New York, NY xxxxx-xxxx

Dear Council Member xxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxxxxx

I am writing on behalf of the ____ (*insert number*) shareholders in our cooperative located in your district (*if a condominium substitute ____ owners of apartments in our condominium*). We appreciate the City Council's major role in property tax reform for fairness to home owners in cooperatives and condominiums over the last ten years.

The abatements for the fourth and final year of the current program will end on June 30th, 2008. If no action is taken there will be a hiatus in this essential tax reform program which was not intended in the existing state legislation.

We respectfully request that you approve inclusion of the funding for extension of the coop and condo tax abatement program in the Fiscal 2009 Budget and that you endorse a "Home Rule" recommendation to extend the abatement program for four more years

Thank you again for your continued support.

Very truly yours,

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