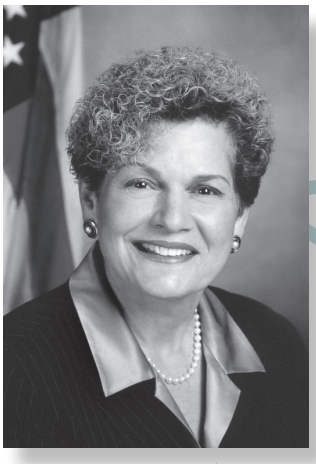

Important Information for Homeowners on STAR Registration!

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Tax Department Launches Statewide STAR Registration

Program will save New York taxpayers millions by eliminating inappropriate exemptions

The New York State Tax Department today unveiled an easy, fast and secure online STAR Registration platform for homeowners currently receiving the Basic STAR property tax exemption. The system will facilitate Governor Cuomo's 2013-14 Budget initiative to save New York taxpayers millions by eliminating inappropriate STAR property tax exemptions. The STAR program provides 2.6 million homeowners with savings on their school property tax bills each year, but is only available for an individual's or family's primary residence.

Easy Registration Online or by Phone

The Tax Department is mailing letters to all 2.6 million Basic STAR recipients. The letter includes registration instructions for the Department's online application. It also provides homeowners with a telephone number for registration or questions - 518-457-2036.

The deadline for completing the registration is December 31, 2013.

Letters are being delivered to all Basic STAR recipients. The statewide mailing schedule is available online by visiting: http://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star13/mailing.pdf. Rockland County's mailing is the week of September 9th to September 13th.

Senior Citizens Receiving Enhanced STAR Not Impacted:

The registration applies only to Basic STAR recipients; senior citizens receiving the Enhanced STAR exemption are not impacted. In order to continue receiving Enhanced STAR, seniors must continue to apply annually or participate in the Income Verification Program.

Eligibility for Basic STAR:

The Basic STAR exemption is available for owner-occupied, primary residences where the combined income of resident owners and their spouses is $500,000 or less. Married couples with multiple residences are only eligible to receive one Basic STAR exemption. The average homeowner benefit as a result of Basic STAR is $700 annually. Statewide, total savings are nearly $1.9 billion each year. The Basic and Enhanced STAR exemptions are the only property tax exemptions reimbursed by New York State.

Registration Affects Exemptions in 2014 and Beyond:

The registration program will impact Basic STAR exemptions for 2014 and beyond; it does not impact 2013 exemptions. Homeowners will not have to re-register every year - based on the information provided in the registration process, the Tax Department will monitor homeowners' eligibility in future years.

For more information:

- Register online at www.tax.ny.gov
- Call 518-457-2036 to register by phone or to speak to a representative
- You can also Follow the NYS Tax department on Twitter for real-time STAR registration updates

Please free to contact my office with any questions at 845-624-4601

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