

THE ASSEMBLY STATE OF NEW YORK ALBANY COMMITTEES Correction Environmental Conservation Housing People with Disabilities Veterans' Affairs

## EMERGENCY WAIVER OF PENALTY FOR LATE PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES DUE FEBRUARY 1

February 2, 2021

Dear Colleague,

The massive Nor-easter which slammed New York yesterday, February 1, also shut down roads on the day that property taxes were due for many New Yorkers. I am requesting your support for legislation to allow further time for such payment without penalty. It would apply in the counties which Governor Cuomo by Executive Order 209 declared a disaster due to the "imminent danger" the storm posed.

As no doubt you are aware, municipal offices were closed, post offices most likely were closed and citizens were instructed to stay off the roads. It would not have been possible for property taxpayers, already struggling to pay their bills due to the impact of the pandemic, to pay their property tax bills by February 1, the last date for paying without penalty.

I understand that legislative action of this nature has been previously enacted to provide relief to the affected property taxpayers.

Given the emergency nature of this action, I do not yet have a bill number, but ask if you are interested in joining with me on this urgent need for relief to e-mail my Legislative Director Andrew Falk at <u>falka@nyassembly.gov</u>.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Chris Burdick