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Re: Request for Formal Fiscal Analysis – Senior Citizens Real Property Tax Exemption Impact

Dear Director Bylewski,

I am writing to request that your department conduct and provide an analysis regarding the expansion of the Senior Citizens Real Property Tax Exemption (RPTL Section 467) in Erie County.

Deputy Chief of Staff Justin Rooney stated that expanding these income limits will provide \$5 million to \$7 million in total tax relief for our seniors.

I am writing to get an analysis from your department regarding the proposed expansion of the Senior Citizens Real Property Tax Exemption.

Specifically, I request that your analysis clarify how much money will the average eligible senior homeowner actually save on their annual tax bill? Since seniors will be paying \$5 million to \$7 million less, how will that missing revenue be spread across the rest of the tax base?

Thank you for your time, and attention to ensuring our senior residents receive transparent information regarding their property taxes. I look forward to your department's findings.

Yours truly,

Jeanne Vinal

cc: Jordan Zygliss