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Senator Diane B. Allen
11 West Broad St.
Burlington, NJ 08016

Re: Reforming New Jersey's unfair tax burden* - now is the time.

Dear Senator Allen:

New Jersey is in a property tax crisis! Our citizens pay approximately twice the national average property tax, making New Jersey's tax burden regressive and unfair. Poor folks pay twice the percentage of their income than those in the highest income bracket. Property tax is especially hard on those with fixed incomes, including retirees. Worse yet, property taxes are rising much faster than inflation.

A truly progressive income tax is clearly a fairer way to raise needed state revenue. But New Jersey's income tax is not progressive enough, and fails to raise the revenue it could. For example, a well-researched study* shows that taxpayers in New Jersey's highest fifth income bracket are taxed at half the rate of states like Pennsylvania or other densely populated states similar to New Jersey. Tax rates should be re-thought and the increased income dedicated to reduction in property taxes, for example, by resumption of the state's historic levels of support for schools, now responsible for over half of local taxes.

The Legislature is now debating the property tax issue, aware of the unfair tax burden our citizens carry. Therefore I urge you to take advantage of this opportunity to reform New Jersey's income tax by bringing it in line with other states and reducing our dependence on property taxes.

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Assemblyman Herb Conaway
Delran Professional Center, Suite 125
8008 Route 130 North
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