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Village Clerk Kerry Dougherty
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Dear Village Clerk Kerry Dougherty,

With the 2021 legislative session upon us, I wanted to remind you of the process in regards to the introduction of local bills. One of the most important responsibilities I have as a member of the Assembly is to champion bills that address specific needs for local municipalities in the 99th Assembly District.

As a home rule state, the New York State Constitution prohibits the State Legislature from passing legislation that affects the property, affairs, and government of a specific local government unless the legislature receives a request to pass such legislation from the local municipality involved. Still, not every bill that assists a local government's needs requires a Home Rule Request. The State Legislature has a Home Rule Counsel that reviews every bill introduced in the Assembly and Senate that determines if a Home Rule Request is required.

The standard for my office is that if your board would like me to consider introducing local legislation you will have to pass a resolution laying out that request and its support from the local government and get it to my office as soon as possible. Once my office receives a support resolution from you, I will introduce the bill. Once a bill is introduced, the Home Rule Council could determine that a Home Rule Request is also needed. A Home Rule Request would then be sought from your local municipality where you would then indicate the bill number.

Some examples of local bills that we may collaborate on include: statutory changes to support the needs of local government personnel, alienating portions of parkland to accommodate other park or town needs, and designating state roadways and/or bridges in memory of a fallen hero.

The sooner I am able to introduce legislation, the more likely it is to successfully pass. Any requests for this session must be in no later than April 1. If you have any other questions or potential legislation you would like to discuss, please feel free to call Taylor Weyeneth in my office at 845-469-6929.

Thank you for your service and partnership on behalf of our shared constituents.

Sincerely,

Colin J. Schmitt
Member of Assembly
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