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Honorable Andrew Joyce, Chairman  
Albany County Legislature  
112 State Street, Rm 710  
Albany, NY 12207

Re: Application for Refund of Real Property Taxes – Town of Rensselaerville

Dear Chairman Joyce,

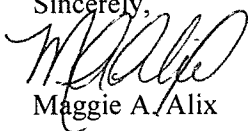
Peter Hotaling, Assessor for the Town of Rensselaerville, submitted multiple Applications for Refund of Real Property Taxes.

In preparing the 2020 assessment roll, Mr. Hotaling discovered errors in the computation of several veterans' exemptions; specifically the disability and Cold War veterans. An eligible veteran is entitled to an exemption based on 50% of their disability rating. The assessor is to enter the disability rating is into the assessment database, RPSV4. The database will do a systematic calculation. However, Mr. Hotaling's predecessors were entering the disability exemptions at 50%, which caused the database to take 50% off the reduced rating. The property owner's had not received their full benefit.

The Cold War veteran exemption values were not current in the town's RPSV4 system; therefore, the exemption was miscalculated. The property owner did not receive the full benefit.

The correction goes back three years (2020, 2019, and 2018) for each parcel. All the tax bills are paid; therefore, I recommend refunds according to the enclosed spreadsheet.

Sincerely,



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CC: Dennis Feeny, Majority Leader  
Frank Mauriello, Minority Leader  
Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel  
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