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To NYSEDC Members:

The Senate and Assembly have passed legislation that would amend the 2 percent real property tax cap to allow assessed property under a PILOT to be factored into the equation for determining a local jurisdictions tax levy. This legislation ([A.1841-A/S.2122-A](#)), sponsored by Assembly Majority Leader Joe Morelle and Senator Tom O'Mara, has been a priority of NYSEDC since the tax cap was enacted six years ago. It is not certain whether Governor Cuomo will sign or veto the legislation, although in the past he has been reluctant to "open-up" the tax cap to measures that could increase a local jurisdiction's tax levy.

It is imperative for NYSEDC's members' voices be heard on this issue. Here's how you can help:

1. Send a letter supporting the legislation to the Governor's Counsel, Alphonso David (Address below). Feel free to cut and paste from NYSEDC's memo of support, which can be downloaded [here](#).
2. Ask your local elected officials to write in support of the legislation
3. Ask your school boards and school superintendents to write in support of the legislation.
4. Ask your chambers of commerce to do same.

Convincing the Governor to sign the legislation will require a comprehensive strategy that must be underpinned by a demonstration of broad support. We are asking NYSEDC members to be the leaders in your communities in organizing such support.

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