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Budget Vote

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Dear Members of the Town Board,

I oppose the override of the state cap on local taxes, and I urge you do the same at this evening's budget vote. It is time for the Town to rework its annual budget, rather than increasing the already heavy tax burden, which all the town residents are being forced to carry.

Since the town has operated with annual surpluses for the past five years, leading to a significant reserve there is no need to increase it. Like all businesses and households these days, the Town should examine its overall costs and determine where they can save.

Over the past few years, the assessed property values have increased substantially for many town residents, and so by increasing the tax override, it will lead to even higher taxes. Approving the new East Clinton Firehouse, which was defeated several times, before holding the vote on a day, when many residents could not be present, will impose another tax burden on residents.

I have owned a home in Clinton Corners for more than thirty years and for most of that time my taxes were stable, but over the past 5-6 years that has changed. As Board members you have a responsibility to address the unhappiness felt by many residents on this issue and to recognize the need for better overall town management.

Yours sincerely,

Katharine Eltz Aulitzky