Town of Clinton NY email

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Budget Vote

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Dear Members of the Town Board,

I urge you to oppose the override of the state cap on local taxes at this evening's budget vote and to intensify the Town's efforts to rework its annual budget in a manner that would be more sensitive to the growing tax burdens borne by town residents.

Over the past 5 years, the town has operated with annual surpluses that have allowed for the creation of a substantial reserve. We see no reasonable explanation as to why this reserve should be boosted further, and it would appear that more work needs to be done to examine the Town's overall costs.

In recent years, assessed property values have increased substantially for many town residents. Consequently, the proposed tax over-ride mathematics imply an inordinate compound increase in taxes that would be levied. Moreover, the recent approval for the building of a new East Clinton Firehouse will pose a very substantial further increase on many residents' tax burdens.

My family and I have resided in Clinton for 30 years now. Our taxes were relatively stable for the majority of those years; however over the past 5-6 years something has gone seriously wrong when it comes to the amount residents are being forced to pay in taxes. I urge you as Board members to recognize the unhappiness felt by many residents on this issue and to recognize the need for better overall town stewardship, on this issue among others.

Sincerely,

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