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Via EM/FCM

Hon. Bruce Blakeman  
Nassau County Executive  
1550 Franklin Avenue  
Mineola, NY 11501

Re: LIPA Settlement

Dear County Executive Blakeman:

Newsday reports you are finalizing a legally binding agreement with LIPA over taxation of power installations in Glenwood Landing, which I represent, and Island Park.

There is considerable concern, to put it mildly, that any settlement will result in monumental property tax increases for Long Islanders living in those communities.

Texas' legendary Governor Ann Richards used to like to say that, "If you're not at the table, you're on the menu."

Certainly, whatever decision you make as our County Executive will have serious economic consequences to the people you and I represent.

There are reports that you are "sympathetic" to the taxpayers in jeopardy.

Your empathy notwithstanding, I do urge you to include the North Shore School District and all the impacted governmental entities in any settlement discussions.

Certainly, the negotiating "table" ought to be large enough.

Sincerely,

Charles Lavine