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Hon. Bruce Blakeman, Nassau County Executive  
1550 Franklin Avenue  
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*RE: Response to your letter about settlement with LIPA regarding Glenwood Landing*

Dear County Executive Blakeman:

Thank you for your response to my letter dated March 16, 2022 regarding the status of settlement negotiations related to the LIPA lawsuits challenging the County's tax assessments of the Glenwood Landing power station.

It is my understanding that Chief Deputy County Executive Arthur Walsh and Deputy County Attorney Lisa LoCurto met with North Shore School District officials on Tuesday, March 8. Unfortunately, it is also my understanding that school officials received little substantive information from this meeting and that the representatives of your administration were either unable or unwilling to answer even the most basic questions about the terms of the proposed settlement. As a result, school officials remain in the dark - and it could not come at a worse time.

As I am sure you are aware, North Shore and districts across Nassau County are now deeply involved in the process of finalizing their budgets for the upcoming academic year. School officials cannot possibly make a fully informed and prudent fiscal decisions for the future of the children and the taxpayers they serve without the benefit of crucial details related to the LIPA settlement as it pertains to Glenwood Landing.

For this process to succeed, transparency is essential, and meetings with pivotal stakeholders should be more substantial than boxes to check off on a to-do list. In that spirit, I reiterate my request for me and the leaders of the North Shore School District to receive a full and substantive briefing on the terms of the proposed settlement and an outline of the anticipated impact upon taxpayers in the North Shore School District before any agreement is finalized.

Sincerely,

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Nassau County Legislator  
11th Legislative District