

# PETITION TO REPEAL THE 2.5% RESIDENTIAL ENERGY TAX

WHEREAS, the Democrat Majority of the Nassau County Legislature approved, over the objections of the Republican Minority, the imposition of a 2.5% tax on residential energy sources and related services including:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Home heating oil</li> <li>❖ Electricity</li> <li>❖ Natural gas</li> <li>❖ Gas</li> <li>❖ Steam</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Electric and steam services</li> <li>❖ Propane sold in containers of 100 pounds or more</li> <li>❖ Coal used to heat homes</li> <li>❖ <b>Firewood</b></li> </ul> |
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WHEREAS, this energy tax, effective June 1, 2009, will impose an additional financial burden on Nassau County's already overtaxed residents; and

WHEREAS, this energy tax is a regressive tax, and will have a disproportionate and substantial impact on many of Nassau County's seniors, unemployed, and underemployed; and

WHEREAS, as energy prices rise, so will the economic burden imposed by this tax; and

WHEREAS, in tough economic times, the County must cut spending and not increase taxes on Nassau County's residents; and

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the undersigned, demand the immediate repeal of the 2.5% Residential Energy Tax.

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**Mail signed petitions to: Legislator Norma Gonsalves - 1550 Franklin Ave., Rm. 209, Mineola, NY 11501**