ATTACHMENT #1

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK

COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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Mastic Beach Mayor, Maura Spery
Mastic Beach Village Trustees
Village of Mastic Beach
369 Neighborhood Road
Mastic Beach, NY 11951

Dear Mayor Spery and Members of the Trustee Board,

It came to my attention that the village has made a decision to eliminate and reduce the work force and hours of a number of village employees.

I have worked tirelessly with the Town of Brookhaven and with the Village since its inception and I will continue to do so. Code enforcement is crucial to the improvement of your quality of life, and our hard work together has successfully evicted fifty gang and drug infested homes. I understand that there are budgetary issues, however I feel that some decisions that you may make tonight could be to the detriment of the village's quality of life and could roll back all of the accomplishments we have achieved in the past five years.

The employees are not just employees of the village but they're also our constituents and tax payers. I find very upsetting that an employee who is a Veteran with a disability is now facing a loss in his health insurance and hours of employment. We should honor him, not do him an injustice.

The employees are union members, and I believe that to make any changes of their terms and conditions of employment should only be negotiated with their union.

As the Suffolk County Legislator, who represents your employees, I am asking you to considering taking a time out, and not to rush into a decision that could potentially be regrettable.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Kate Browning

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