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Memorandum in Support of S. 949

**An Act to amend the real property tax law, in relation to a notice of
exemption for senior citizens**

The New York State Association of Area Agencies on Aging (NYSAAAA) supports S. 949, legislation to provide senior citizens with a notice of exemption and filing application thirty days prior to the filing deadline and allow senior citizens to apply for the Senior Tax Exemption sixty days beyond the December 31st filing deadline.

This legislation will require the county to send a second notice of qualification for Senior Tax Exemption 30 days prior to the filing deadline and, if the applicant had a previous exemption filed, to allow a retroactive re-filing within 60 days from the deadline. This legislation will be helpful to those seniors that do not understand the filing requirements by reminding them of the need to re-file; thereby reducing their expenses and providing them with more money for daily expenses and allowing them to live in the community longer.

For these reasons, NYSAAAA supports this legislation.

Sincerely,

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