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The Honorable Craig J. Coughlin
Assembly Speaker
New Jersey State Assembly
569 Rahway Avenue
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Dear Speaker Coughlin:

Your support of an amendment to Stay NJ legislation in support of New Jersey's disabled veterans, being introduced by Assemblyman Brian Bergen, is deeply requested. New Jersey lags behind many other states in offering this type of tax relief to disabled veterans. Nearly 30,000 disabled veterans who reside in New Jersey will not be eligible for the Stay NJ plan as it is currently written.

Membership in The American Legion Department of New Jersey is in the tens of thousands. Our members voice their support for legislation in support of veterans and their family members through a democratic process. Legislation is reviewed, evaluated, and graded based upon its support for veterans, especially those individuals with service-connected disabilities. The Stay NJ plan, in its current form, does not meet satisfactory requirements. Inclusion of the amendment being offered by Assemblyman Brian Bergen will change our opinion of current legislation from a poor rating to a rating of outstanding with regards to its support for disabled veterans.

Your support for the amendment referenced above is humbly requested.

Most sincerely,

Larry Bishop

Department Commander

Cc: The American Legion Department of New Jersey
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