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Senator Diane B. Allen  
11 West Broad St.  
Burlington, NJ 08016

**Re: Reforming New Jersey's unfair tax burden\* - now is the time.**

Dear Senator Allen:

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A truly progressive income tax is clearly a fairer way to raise needed state revenue. But New Jersey's income tax is not progressive enough, and fails to raise the revenue it could. For example, a well-researched study\* shows that taxpayers in New Jersey's highest fifth income bracket are taxed at half the rate of states like Pennsylvania or other densely populated states similar to New Jersey. Tax rates should be re-thought and the increased income dedicated to reduction in property taxes, for example, by resumption of the state's historic levels of support for schools, now responsible for over half of local taxes.

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8008 Route 130 North  
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