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Dear friends of Bethlehem,

I hope this letter finds you in good health. My name is Scott Bendett, and I am honored to be your Assemblyman. Representing this wonderful community is a privilege I cherish.

One of my primary focuses has been fighting for your financial well-being. I support capping the amount of Real Property Taxes you must pay to the amount you paid when you turned 65. Additionally, I support raising the income cap for seniors applying for the Enhanced STAR property tax exemption to \$120,000², allowing more seniors to qualify. Furthermore, I am fighting to increase the income threshold for the Senior Citizen Real Property Tax exemption.

Prescription drugs have been a growing concern. To address this, I have advocated for protections from sudden price hikes. This includes a bill⁴ requiring prescription drug manufacturers to notify the Drug Utilization Review Board of any proposed wholesale cost increases. This initiative has been a priority of the AARP, and I am proud to have championed it on your behalf.

Your input is invaluable to me. I would love the opportunity to stop by for a cup of coffee and a chat with you. Your insights help guide my efforts. Together, we can achieve great things for Bethlehem.

Thank you for your continued trust and support. Please do not hesitate to reach out to my office to arrange a meeting or share your thoughts.

Warm regards,

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