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Dear Mr. Cohen,

First and foremost, I thank you for the important work you and the Nassau County Retirees Legal Fund do to support those who dedicated their careers to serving our community. Nassau County is stronger because of the efforts of our retirees, and, as a Legislator, I am fully committed to ensuring our retirees are protected and respected.

I have heard the concerns raised by Nassau's retirees regarding retiree health insurance coverage, and I know that they are focused on receiving the County Administration's commitment to providing New York State Empire Plan health coverage without interruption for Nassau retirees. Please know that safeguarding retirees' access to affordable, reliable health care remains one of my top priorities. As long as the Empire Plan remains available through the State, I will continue to fight to preserve it as an option for Nassau's retirees.

While final authority over state-sponsored health insurance options rests with New York State — not Nassau County — that does not diminish my dedication to standing up for the interests of our retirees. They have spent their careers serving the residents of Nassau County, and deserve a retirement free from the worry of losing critical health benefits.

Moving forward, I will closely monitor any proposed changes at the State level and will be a strong advocate for preserving the benefits Nassau's retirees have rightfully earned. Protecting your peace of mind, quality health coverage, and your financial security is a responsibility I take seriously.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can ever be of assistance. I look forward to working together to support the men and women who helped make Nassau County the great place it is today.

With gratitude,

John R. Ferretti, Jr.

Nassau County Legislator, 15th District