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Would you please forward to assembly members and mayor:

With regard to balancing the borough budget, I would like to say that I am certainly not opposed to cutting fat, if and where it might exist. Yet I want to maintain vital services, such as CES, schools, road maintenance, and public safety, etc. I am willing to pay for these services and support increasing revenue in the form of possibly raising additional sales tax. I also believe a bed tax is a no-brainer. Despite the protests of hotel owners, I don't know anyone who alters their travel plans for such a reason. When you venture somewhere and am told a hotel room is, say, \$99, does anyone ask if a % of that goes to local or state government? And do we then refuse to stay there because, say 5%, of that goes to a municipality or borough. No, of course not. And governments throughout the country fund themselves this way. We should to.

Anyway, thank you for your time and your work on the assembly. I know it is not always an easy task.

Thanks,

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