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Dear Orange County Legislators:

The cold of winter is growing closer each day. With thermometers moving further down, it is time again to recommit ourselves to protecting those most vulnerable this winter. This year more than ever, energy conservation will be important to protect Orange County residents from the growing prices of natural gas and home heating oil.

In an attempt to address some of these issues and educate our community on the importance of energy conservation and energy related services, the Orange County Energy Task Force would like to invite you and your constituents to a series of Energy Conservation Workshops. Designed for Orange County residents, agency leaders, case managers, social workers and direct care staff, each workshop will offer insight into the many services available for consumers in need of assistance, teach people tips to reduce their energy consumption and start saving money.

Attendees at each workshop will be provided with a set of energy conservation toolkits again this year, to provide to families in need throughout the County. This year, we will again be focusing on simple, but effective tools that can reduce our consumers' use of natural gas, home heating oil, electricity and water.

This year, lunch or dinner will be provided at each of our workshops located throughout the County. After each session, members of our Energy Task Force will be on site providing energy conservation toolkits for distribution to your consumers.

Our schedule of workshops has been included below:

- 10/29 - Town of Blooming Grove, Town Hall, 6 Horton Road, Blooming Grove, NY
Dinner at 5:30 PM, Workshop at 6:00 PM
- 10/30 - 1st Presbyterian Church, 60 Sussex Street, Port Jervis, NY Dinner at 5:30
PM, Workshop at 6:00 PM
- 11/24 - The Galleria at Crystal Run, Community Room B, Middletown, NY (2
sessions). Lunch at 12:30 PM, Workshop at 1:00 PM and the other Lunch at 3:00
PM, Workshop at 3:30 PM.
- 11/25 - Highland Falls Public Library, 298 Main Street, Highland Falls, NY Lunch at
12:30 PM, Workshop at 1:00 PM
- 12/3 - OC Government Center, Legislative Chambers, Goshen, NY Lunch at 12:30
PM, Workshop at 1:00 PM

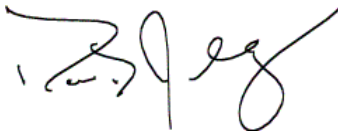
- 12/4 - Town of Montgomery, Town Hall, Historical Room, 110 Bracken Road, Montgomery, NY Lunch at 12:30 PM, Workshop at 1:00 PM

This year's flyer has been attached for your review and distribution to your constituents. If you would like copies of the 2007-2008 Energy Services Guide or hard copies of the workshop flyer, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time. If you would like to schedule and Energy Conservation Workshop in your area please do not hesitate to contact me any time.

The Orange County Energy Task Force is also pleased to announce the development of the Orange County Energy Summit, scheduled for October 23rd from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh. The Energy Summit will provide a series of energy conservation workshops to the community with additional emphasis placed on alternative energy sources, energy conservation, NYSERDA's efficiency programs as well as public utility law. The Summit will provide five workshops, allowing attendees to attend two one hour workshops of their choice. The Energy Summit flyers have been enclosed as well for your distribution.

To register for one of our six workshops or the Energy Summit, please call 291-4311. Your ongoing support for this initiative through the Orange County Energy Task Force has been tremendous. We look forward to continuing this important work with each of our partners throughout the winter season.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Jolly', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Attachments