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Honorable Carl L. Marcellino
NYS Senator
386 New York Avenue
Huntington, NY 11743

RE: Healthy, Safe and Energy Efficient Outdoor Lighting Act (A7438 / S4364)

Dear Senator Marcellino:

Thank you for sponsoring the legislation known as the "Healthy, Safe and Energy Efficient Outdoor Lighting Act." We commend you for advancing this effort to reduce light pollution, save energy and regain our starry dark skies.

You may know that the Town of Southampton adopted legislation in 2004 that seeks to reduce light pollution from outdoor lighting on all Town-owned properties and roadways by requiring the use of fully shielded exterior luminaires that are designed, located, lamped and directed to prevent light pollution, including excessive lighting, energy waste, glare, light trespass and skyglow.

We welcome this initiative at the state level and support the adoption of this proposal, as it is altogether consistent with our goals in Southampton and will serve to further our efforts to limit excessive outdoor illumination.

By establishing standards for outdoor lighting, A7438 / S4364 will accomplish the following:

- (1) Provide adequate lighting for safety and security,
- (2) Promote efficient and cost effective lighting, and thus, conserve energy,
- (3) Reduce light pollution and offensive light sources,
- (4) Provide an environmentally sensitive nighttime environment that includes the ability to view the stars against a dark sky, and
- (5) Prevent inappropriate and poorly designed or installed outdoor lighting.

