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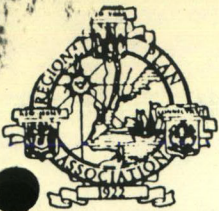
REGIONAL PLAN URGES NEW JERSEY LEGISLATURE TO RESOLVE INCOME TAX DIFFERENCES TO MEET URGENT NEEDS

Regional Plan Association told New Jersey legislative leaders in letters released today that their differences on details of the income tax legislation now being considered are minor compared to the urgency of the need to lower property taxes and the extra tax burdens of the State's old cities.

Regional Plan is a civic organization that has worked for an improved urban, suburban and rural environment in the New York-Connecticut-New Jersey Region since the 1920's.

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The letter is attached.



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Dear _____:

At this crucial moment in New Jersey's history, we would like to reiterate the importance of an income tax to:

- distribute tax burdens more fairly,
- help youngsters start more equally,
- encourage needed housing starts,
- save the cities, and
- improve the environment.

Each of these points is explained in the attached publication, issued nearly two years ago.

We recognize the difficulty of resolving important details, but, even more so, we recognize the urgency of acting. Economic decline has intensified the pressure on lower-income residents. They need relief from property taxes that keep rising even when their income does not. Equally, cities need relief from their extra school tax burden.

We trust you will be able to resolve the lesser difficulties to remedy these massive problems.

Sincerely yours,

John P. Keith
President

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