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I am somewhat hesitant to attend the Sept. 6th Borough Assembly meeting after Aug. 2nd when Mr. Knopp embarrassed me by getting a laugh from his peers at my expense. While he probably has no idea how hard it is for single women, I believe elected officials have a responsibility to see both sides of an issue, not just their own agenda.

I am blessed to be able to make a living at something so worthwhile as child care, however, 35 years of living IN the business took a toll on me. When I started receiving social security which could go towards my own home, my sister and brother-in-law loaned me the \$7,000 down to purchase a Terry Franke/Leonard Ballard home, which I repaid when the IRS refund for home buyers came through. While Franke/Ballard carry the note, I am accountable for property taxes and insurance separately as there is no escrow account.

If you do not have access to my letter to the assembly, dated May 6, 2011, please send me your fax number one and I will send a copy.

My home enables me to enjoy a peaceful atmosphere not surrounded by toys, equipment and curriculum. After working eleven hours a day (55 hours per week 51 weeks a year) it is a much needed respite.

Thank you for your time in allowing me to present my side of this situation.

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