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We are a 1000 member grassroots organization dedicated to the preservation of land, sea, air and quality of life on Long Island's North Fork. Incorporated in 1972, this is our 30th anniversary year of protecting the environment in Riverhead and Southold Towns!

April 2, 2003

The Honorable Assemblywoman Patricia Acampora
400 W. Main St, Suite 201
Riverhead NY 11901

Dear Assemblywoman Acampora:

I ask you to support the *Healthy, Safe, and Energy Efficient Outdoor Lighting Act*, introduced by Assemblyman Alexander "Pete" Grannis and Senator Carl Marcellino.

This unbill, known as A6950 in the Assembly and S3003 in the Senate, will reduce the adverse effects of poorly designed nighttime lighting.

In addition to the obvious waste of energy, resources, and dollars from poorly designed light fixtures, a host of other problems are known to exist. Glare from poorly shielded lights hampers visibility. Light trespass infringes on property rights of neighbors. The flora and fauna of our state are harmed or even killed by nighttime lighting that shines indiscriminately across their habitats. Sky glow caused by light sent unnecessarily upwards deprives everyone the inspiration of the beautiful star-studded nighttime sky. Furthermore, wasted electricity from poor lighting leads to unnecessary air, water, and ground pollution.

This legislation will benefit not just this generation. It is a commitment to future generations to preserve and protect the beauty and inspiration of the dark night sky and to protect the health and safety of our children, the flora, and fauna of our great state.

I urge you to support A6950/S3003.

Sincerely,

Executive Director
Debra O'Kane