

February 16, 2011

Mr. David M. Frankel
Commissioner
New York City Department of Finance
Municipal Building, 1 Centre Street
New York, NY 10007

By e-mail: frankeld@finance.nyc.gov

Re: Tax Representatives and Practitioners Program (“TaxRAPP”)

Dear Commissioner Frankel:

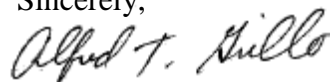
The New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants represents more than 28,000 CPAs in public practice, industry, government and education. The NYSSCPA’s New York, Multistate and Local Taxation Committee is writing on behalf of its members and other practitioners throughout the New York City metropolitan area. For sixteen years, through November of 2009, the New York City Department of Finance presented the “Tax Representatives and Practitioners Program,” TaxRAPP, which became one of the most important forums to educate the tax practitioners’ community and served as an opportunity for the Department to hear from those same practitioners and for the participants to network.

To the disappointment of the tax practitioner community, TaxRAPP was not held in 2010, and it appears that it will not be held in 2011. We are writing to you on behalf of our members and others who found TaxRAPP to be an informative and enjoyable conference, and to request that you resume holding TaxRAPP in 2011.

We are unsure of the reason why the TaxRAPP was suspended or discontinued, and we would like to know if there is anything we could do to assist the Department in order to allow it to resume the conference on an annual basis.

If you would like additional discussion with us, please contact me at (212) 460-4103, or Ernest J. Markezin, NYSSCPA staff, at (212) 719-8303.

Sincerely,



Alfred Grillo, Chair
New York, Multistate and Local Taxation Committee