Dear Town Supervisor Klenovic:

The Office of the State Comptroller uses the Fiscal Stress Monitoring System to examine the annual financial information reported by your Town. This analysis provides an objective assessment of the fiscal challenges facing individual local governments and school districts, identifying situations where corrective action may be needed. These 2019 scores are based on end-of-year results (as of December 31, 2019)—just before the start of the pandemic, and thus provide a baseline measurement of local governments' ability to respond to the current crisis.

As of August 31, 2020, our review of the 2019 Annual Update Document (AUD) for your Town has been completed. Detailed information about your Town's fiscal stress condition is available on our <u>website</u> by using the user name and password above.

Your Town's fiscal stress scores and designations are summarized below:

	Fiscal Stress		<b>Environmental Stress</b>	
FYE	Score	Designation	Score	Designation
2017	1.7	No Designation	13.3	No Designation
2018	1.7	No Designation	13.3	No Designation
2019	1.7	No Designation	20.0	No Designation

The recent financial uncertainty and resulting challenges will be reflected in reports in 2021 and beyond.

We encourage you to closely monitor your financial condition in the current and upcoming budget cycles, as unfolding events may pose heightened risks ahead. Our <u>self-assessment tool</u> allows you to calculate fiscal stress scores based on current and future financial assumptions and can be a powerful tool.

Last week we conducted a webinar to help local government officials understand how to interpret their scores and to prepare for public inquiries and media reaction. If you were unable to participate, you may view it <a href="here">here</a>. We also recently released the <a href="Financial Toolkit for Local Officials in 2020 and Beyond">Financial Toolkit for Local Officials in 2020 and Beyond</a>.

Fiscal stress scores for all calendar fiscal year end local governments will be released to the public in the near future and you may receive questions about your score/designation as well as any notable changes and trends. More information about the System is available on our <u>website</u>.

We understand that local governments are facing many challenges at this time. Our staff is working to target our efforts to support your needs and priorities. Please contact our Data Management Unit at 866-321-8503, option 4 with any questions.

Sincerely,

## Tracey Hitchen Boyd

Assistant Comptroller

cc: CEO