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**Memorandum in Support (A.10288A/S.6912A)**  
Updating the State Energy Conservation Construction Code

The Long Island Association strongly urges the passage of A.10288A/S.6912A (Engelbright-Foley). The Long Island Association was a driving force that encouraged nine towns to pass mandatory energy codes requiring levels of energy performance and this legislation is consistent with the LIA's goal of promoting energy efficiency.

This legislation creates a state energy code for residential buildings based on the most recently published international and national codes relevant to energy conservation. Additionally, all new residential buildings have to achieve at least a 20 percent reduction in energy consumption compared to those built to conventional standards. Buildings with a floor area of 6,000 feet or more have to achieve a minimum 35 percent reduction. The energy efficiency performance of each building would be certified by an independent third-party.

The towns on Long Island that passed adoption of the EPA's ENERGY STAR Homes Standards, resulted in the number of energy raters increasing from 3 to 55 in three years. This legislation will directly result in more jobs for the green economy sector.

Finally, this legislation will contribute to the state's effort of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 80 percent by 2050. For these reasons, the LIA strongly urges passage of S.6912-A/A.10288A in the 2010 legislative session.

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