

July 9, 2019

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York State
NYS State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12244

Re: S.88, Kaminsky / A.3002, Solages
Requires each industrial development agency to live stream and post video recordings of all open meetings and public hearings

Dear Governor Cuomo,

The New York State School Boards Association **supports** the above referenced legislation and encourages your signature.

This bill would require industrial development agencies (IDAs) to stream all of their open meetings and public hearings. In addition, they would be required to post the recordings of those meetings and hearings on their respective websites and maintain them on the site for at least five years.

IDAs were created with the goal of promoting and developing the economic health of their communities. A common way this goal is accomplished is by entering into PILOT agreements with companies and other organizations. Such PILOT agreements often include multi-million dollar reductions in the amount of property taxes a school district would otherwise receive, if the property were on the tax roll. In addition, PILOT revenue also directly impacts a school district's property tax cap calculation.

While IDAs' meetings and hearings are generally open to the public, they are not always on a predictable schedule nor are school district leaders always able to attend or participate. School board members need greater openness and discourse between school districts and IDAs to best serve their community. This legislation takes a meaningful step in that direction.

Therefore, NYSSBA **supports** the above referenced legislation and urges your signature. For additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 518-783-0200.

Sincerely,



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