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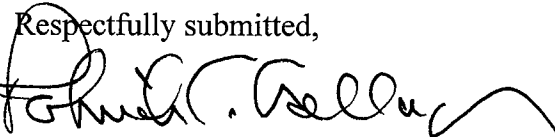
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Barbara Billet
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Dear Commissioner Billet:

I am pleased to submit for your consideration the New York State Bar Association Tax Section's Report No. 1128 commenting on certain tax provisions of the 2007-2008 Budget Bill (Chapter 60 of the Laws of 2007). This report addresses provisions of Chapter 60 that we believe raise technical, administrative or conceptual issues.

The principal drafters of the report are listed on the first page. If it would be helpful, we would be pleased to meet or speak with you or members of your staff to discuss our comments and to assist in any other way we can.

Respectfully submitted,


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