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Dear President Gallagher,

I wanted to let you know about a new program administered by the Cook County Board of Review and ask for your help.

Cook County residents are now eligible to apply for the Surviving Spouse Tax Abatement.

The Cook County Board of Commissioners and the Chicago City Council have passed ordinances to authorize a property tax abatement in their jurisdictions for the surviving spouses of Cook County's fallen heroes. The program serves surviving spouses of a fallen police officer, soldier or rescue worker. This program will recognize and honor the ongoing impact of this sacrifice on these families.

The program can abate up to 100% of a surviving spouse's Cook County and City of Chicago property tax liability. The Cook County Board of Review will administer the program, and surviving spouses apply for the abatement with us.

The Board of Review will consider applications and supporting evidence - hold a hearing if needed - and recommend qualifying applicants for final approval. If approved and admitted into the program, the surviving spouse may reaffirm the facts remain the same and continue in the program yearly.

Here's where you come in. We want to ensure all eligible Cook County families know about this new program. We need your help to ensure that any of your constituents who could benefit from the program know to apply. This program is an opportunity for us to assist the families of our fallen heroes with the financial costs that have resulted from their losses.

Please do not hesitate to contact Michael Richards on my staff at 312-603-5542 with any questions or to receive additional copies of applications.

Thank you in advance for your partnership here.

My Best Wishes,

Sincerely,

Michael Cabonargi
Chair

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