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Ms. Mary C. VanValkenburgh  
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Dear Ms. VanValkenburgh,

Thank you for contacting my office in regard to funding for weatherization assistance programs. I value hearing from residents of New York's 24th Congressional District and take your ideas and concerns very seriously.

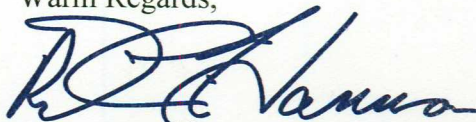
As you know, I am a strong supporter of the Weatherization Assistance Program and understand the significant value it provides in Upstate New York. The program offers a vital service to the low-income citizens who benefit from savings in electric and heating bills. With such large populations of senior citizens living on fixed incomes, the program is especially essential in Oneida and Herkimer Counties. New York State's WAP has proven to be consistently effective in assisting our local communities, and I commend your continued efforts.

While there are many cost-cutting efforts underway in Washington, I have consistently voted to restore and defend the Weatherization Assistance Program and will continue to do so. Please know that I will keep your views and the information you provided me with on hand as Congress begins to consider Fiscal Year 2014 funding allocations for this critical program.

While I am sure you may not agree with every vote I cast representing you, you will always know my rationale for the decisions I make on the House floor. I am committed to open government and transparency. That is why I post explanations for final passage votes on each House bill on my Facebook and Twitter websites.

Again, thank you for contacting me. I look forward to working with you and for you in the days and years ahead. Please do not hesitate to contact any of my offices in the future if I or my staff can be of assistance, and feel free to visit my website at <http://hanna.house.gov> to sign up for "e-newsletters" regarding issues that are important to you.

Warm Regards,



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