

TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON

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The Honorable Robert K. Sweeney New York State Assembly 640 West Montauk Highway Lindenhurst, NY 11757-3708

Dear Assemblyman Sweeney:

This letter is to inform you on behalf of the East Hampton Town Board that the Town of East Hampton supports Bill A6428 authorizing the five East End towns—East Hampton, Riverhead, Shelter Island, Southold and Southampton—to adopt local laws in certain cases related to the taking of wild deer.

As you are aware, the white-tailed deer population has been linked to an epidemic of tick-borne illnesses, degradation of natural resources, crop damage and other harmful impacts to the agricultural industry, as well as car crashes.

East Hampton Town is also in favor of the proposed changes being in accordance with recommendations for the modification of New York State Environmental Conservation Law as set fourth in the State DEC Management Plan for White-tailed Deer in New York State.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter.

Yours truly,

Supervisor Larry Cantwell Town of East Hampton