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The Plainview-Old Bethpage Board of Education would like to express its grave concern over PILOTs, particularly the recent trend toward granting PILOTs to existing companies, rather than new businesses.

While we understand the need to promote development and improve economic conditions in our local communities, these PILOTs pose an undue burden and financial strain to our homeowners. Pilot payments represent only a portion of the full taxable value of the exempted property. The problem is exacerbated by our community's small commercial base, since it is primarily individual households - not other local businesses - that must absorb the additional costs.

Furthermore, PILOTs make it difficult for us to engage in effective fiscal planning and will have negative impact on our district's tax levy calculations. Each PILOT granted makes it harder for us to invest wisely to reach our educational goals and give our children the rich, well-rounded education they deserve.

Therefore, we would like to state our firm opposition to PILOT agreements, and urge you to consider the potential negative impact to Plainview-Old Bethpage homeowners and students when reviewing future applications.

Respectfully,

The Members of the Plainview-Old Bethpage Board of Education
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