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From: pymustang64@reagan.com **Sent:** Monday, March 4, 2024 3:25 PM

To: Dg_clerk

Subject: Fw: Property tax exemption form - the paper one

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Paul

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From: "Glenda Gilbert" <glendalynngilbert@yahoo.com>

Sent: Monday, March 4, 2024 2:42pm

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To: Glenda Gilbert <glendalynngilbert@yahoo.com>
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FYI can you pass on to the Ad Hoc please?

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From: Joyce Stockbridge < <u>jastockbridge@gmail.com</u>>

Date: Mon, Mar 4, 2024 at 11:05 AM

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Where did it go and why wasn't anyone informed that it would no longer be a choice when applying for the exemption? I recently requested a physical paper form from the Borough and was told there wasn't one. Please tell me who made the decision to suddenly change this and why. Why couldn't there have at least been a choice between the paper and electronic version?

I'm sure you are well aware that the people who are applying are over 65 years of age and beyond or our Veterans. Not everyone has a computer, or uses the library to use their computer or wants to travel to the Borough Building to have someone else fill it out for them. I certainly don't. And I am also not fond of doing anything online that requires a lot of private/personal information.

In light of the transparency and trust that you as the Assembly are talking about, especially with regards to Property Taxes this just feels like another move to digitize everything thus making it harder for us to navigate.

I respectfully request the choice of using a paper copy (like offered in previous years) rather than the one-no-choice digital application.

Thankyou Joyce Stockbridge 766-2351