



October 26, 2011

Dear Mr. Montag and Mr. Roel,

I am writing to express my thanks for your role in helping to organize our recent fiscal literacy event at Half Hollow Hills High School East. As financial planning professionals, I applaud your efforts to teach and encourage fiscal literacy and financial responsibility to our younger generations.

Now more than ever, as our country continues to make the slow climb out of a recession, American families are looking to make the most out of every hard earned dollar. I have been steadfast in my support of consumer rights, tax reform and am committed to a legislative agenda that puts an emphasis back on growing our middle class. However, our shared goals cannot be met by governmental solutions alone. In order to move forward, we must learn to practice sound fiscal principles – both on a national stage – and in our individual lives. By teaching fiscal literacy on a community level, we can help Long Island families save more of their paychecks, protect themselves against financial hardship and show their children how to be financially responsible. By partnering with schools, financial professionals and parents we can make sure that the next generations of Americans have every tool they need to live financially balanced and prosperous lives.

In closing, please accept my gratitude for the work you both do in our community and beyond. I look forward to working with you again in the near future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Israel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Steve Israel

Member of Congress