TO:       Local District Commissioners


ATTACHMENTS: Attachment A - Notice of Public Hearings - available on-line
Attachment B - Registration Form - available on-line

The New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance will be conducting three needs assessment public hearings on the proposed New York State Plan for the 1998-99 Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP).

The hearings will be held on the dates and locations listed below:

Albany, N.Y. - Wednesday, April 29, 1998 from 10:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M., 40 North Pearl Street, 7th Floor Conference Room.

New York City - Tuesday, May 5, 1998 from 10:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M., 6th Floor Conference Room, 80 Maiden Lane.

Batavia, New York - Monday, May 11, 1998, from 10:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M., Genesee County Building #2, Genesee County Department of Social Services, Main Conference Room, 3837 West Main Road, Batavia, New York 14020

If you or a member of your staff are interested in testifying, please refer to the enclosed notice and registration form for details.

Written comments are also encouraged. Three copies of your written comments should be sent to:

Charles Giambalvo
New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance
40 North Pearl Street - 7A
Albany, New York 12243
Written comments must be submitted by June 1, 1998.

If you have any questions about the hearings please call Charles Giambalvo at (518) 486-6362.

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Patricia A. Stevens
Deputy Commissioner
Division of Temporary Assistance
NEW YORK OFFICE OF TEMPORARY AND DISABILITY ASSISTANCE
PUBLIC NOTICE
1998-99 HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM


PUBLIC HEARING: Public hearings will be conducted at the following locations:

- Albany, Wednesday, April 29, 1998, from 10:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M., 40 N. Pearl Street, 7th Floor conference room, Albany, N.Y. 12243.
- Batavia, New York, Monday, May 11, 1998 from 10:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M., Genesee County Building #2, Genesee County Department of Social Services, 3837 West Main Road, Main Conference Room, Batavia, New York 14020

Comments and suggestions regarding the design of 1998-99 HEAP are requested.

Individuals/organizations wishing to present their views at these hearings should register by calling 1 (800) 342-3009, extension 6-6362. Persons who have pre-registered will be called upon to speak first. Others will be called in the order in which they register.

Speakers must limit their testimony to five minutes and submit three (3) written copies of their statements.

WRITTEN COMMENTS:

Written comments on the development of the 1998-99 New York Home Energy Assistance Program State Plan will be accepted no later than June 1, 1998. Comments should be addressed to:

Charles Giambalvo
New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance
Division of Temporary Assistance, Region I
40 North Pearl Street - 7A
Albany, New York 12243
ATTACHMENT B

NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF TEMPORARY AND DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

PUBLIC HEARING

TO

PROVIDE FOR PUBLIC INPUT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE
NEW YORK STATE PLAN
FOR THE 1998-99 HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (HEAP)


Batavia, New York, Monday, May 11, 1998, from 10:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M., Genesee County Building #2, Genesee County Department of Social Services, 3837 West Main Road, Main Conference Room, Batavia, New York 14020

Persons wishing to present their views at any of these hearings are requested to complete this reply form as soon as possible and mail to:

Mr. Charles Giambalvo
Telephone: 1-800-342-3009
New York State Office of Extension 6-6362
Temporary and Disability Assistance Region I
40 North Pearl Street
7th Floor, Section A
Albany, New York 12243

To assure your pre-registration, please respond three days prior to the scheduled hearing date, or call the above number if you have any questions.

I plan to attend the public hearing in (please check):

[ ] New York City (May 5, 1998)
[ ] Batavia, New York (May 11, 1998)

I plan to make a public statement at the hearing. I will limit my statement to a maximum of five minutes and I will provide three copies of my prepared statement.

STATEMENTS SHOULD BE LIMITED TO COMMENTS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW YORK STATE PLAN FOR THE 1998-99 HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (HEAP) ONLY.

NOTE: There will not be any photocopying facilities available at the hearing.

NAME __________________________
TELEPHONE __________________________
TITLE __________________________
AFFILIATION __________________________
ADDRESS __________________________