



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Kenneth P. LaValle

## Senator Supports Public Radio

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Senator Kenneth P. LaValle (3rd from left) joined concerned elected officials and community residents in the fight to save public radio on the east end. The future of WLIU-FM, an east end public radio station based at Stony Brook Southampton, was at risk when the station's owner, Long Island University, announced plans to sell. The community has since gathered to form Peconic Public Broadcasting, Inc., with the intent of acquiring the station's license and assets to make sure the current programming will continue.

“Since its inception, WLIU has played an influential role for eastern Long Island,” said Senator Kenneth P. LaValle. “I have always been a supporter of the station and, in years past, was able to secure state funding for a transmission tower that allowed WLIU to expand its signal. Once again, I am happy to play a role in ensuring that the station continues to provide its listeners with the quality of programming they have come to enjoy.”