December 30, 2010

The Honorable Christopher Christie,
Governor
The Honorable Stephen M. Sweeney,
Senate President
The Honorable Thomas H. Kean, Jr.,
Senate Minority Leader
The Honorable Shiea Y. Oliver,
Speaker of the General Assembly
The Honorable Alex DeCroce,
Assembly Minority Leader

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:13H-19, the Council on Local Mandates submits its Report to the Governor and the Legislature, enclosed with this letter.

Copies of this letter and the enclosure are being provided to the Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the General Assembly, the Office of Public Information, and the Office of State Librarian. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding the Report.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

Jack Tarditi, Chair

E-mail/Interoffice Mail
cc w/enc.: Kent M. Hicks, Secretary of the Senate
Dana M. Burley, Clerk of the General Assembly
Office of Public Information
Office of State Librarian
REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON LOCAL MANDATES
TO HON. CHRISTOPHER CHRISTIE, GOVERNOR,
AND TO THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

The Council statute provides, in pertinent part:

The council shall submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature prior to December 31 of each year setting forth the names and salaries of: the professional employees of council members, individuals employed by the council on a temporary or permanent basis, and personnel and consultants for whose service the council has contracted.

[N.J.S.A. 52:13H-19]

Accordingly, the Council reports the following information (as of December 30, 2010):

1. Professional employees of Council members: none.

2. Individuals employed by the Council on a temporary or permanent basis:

   Patricia A. Meyer
   Executive Administrator & Coordinator (full time position)
   Salary: $116,288 per annum.*
   Retired 6/30/10

   Shawn D. Slaughter
   Administrative Assistant (full time position) – 1/1/10 to 7/2/10
   Salary: $41,006 per annum.*
   Executive Administrator & Coordinator (full time position) – 7/3/10 to 12/31/10
   Salary: $50,000.00 per annum.*

*Salary figures do not reflect furlough savings.

Attachment – Council Summary of 2010 Complaint case activity.
COUNCIL SUMMARY OF 2010 COMPLAINT CASE ACTIVITY

In 2010, the Council resolved a complaint filed by the Township of Branchburg, the first of four Complaint case matters that were filed in 2010.


Although the Council believes that it has concurrent jurisdiction with the Superior Court to hear and decide issues such as those presented in Smith, supra, the Council determined that the Complaint had to be dismissed because it failed to place the statute squarely before us as the Constitution requires.

The following complaints are pending before the Council:

The County of Atlantic has filed a complaint alleging that the Seal-Use Protocol Training and Anticipated Sequoia AVC Advantage Firmware Upgrade order issued by the Department of State, Division of Elections is an unfunded mandate.

The Township of Blairstown has filed a complaint alleging that a provision of the New Jersey State Appropriation Act P.L. 2010, C.35 prohibiting the expansion or extension of State Police Rural Patrol services above levels provided in the prior fiscal year to municipalities is an unfunded mandate.

The Township of Roxbury has filed a complaint alleging that the Refuse Container and Private Catch Basin Retrofitting Ordinances required under N.J.A.C. 7:14A-15.15-Tier A Municipal Stormwater General Permit is an unfunded mandate.