December 30, 2016

The Honorable Christopher Christie,
Governor
The Honorable Stephen M. Sweeney,
Senate President
The Honorable Thomas H. Kean, Jr.,
Senate Minority Leader
The Honorable Vincent Prieto,
Speaker of the General Assembly
The Honorable Jon Bramnick,
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 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]

John A. Sweeney, A.J.S.C. (ret.)
Council Chairman

E-mail/Interoffice Mail
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           Dana M. Burley, Clerk of the General Assembly
           Office of Public Information
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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 31, 2016):

1. Professional employees of Council members: none.

2. Individual(s) employed by the Council on a temporary or permanent basis:

   Shawn D. Slaughter
   Executive Administrator & Coordinator (full time position)
   Salary: $50,000.00 per annum

3. Personnel and consultants for whose service the Council has contracted: none

4. Cases before the Council (as of December 30, 2016): One matter came before the Council on Local Mandates in 2016. One was filed by the New Jersey Association of Counties in December 2016. No written decision or opinion has been issued in that one matter as of December 30, 2016.
COUNCIL SUMMARY OF 2016 CASES

In 2016 the Council received one complaint before them.

In the only matter before the Council in the New Jersey Association of Counties (Docket#: COLM-0004-16) complaint it was alleged that certain sections of the Criminal Justice Reform Act, N.J.S.A. 2A:162-15 et seq., (the "Act" or "Criminal Justice Reform") constitute an unfunded mandate, and are therefore unconstitutional. Specifically, N.J.S.A. 2A:162-22, the mandatory trial requirements, are unfunded mandates as they will force counties to expend monies in which a reciprocal funding source is not provided for in the Act. These provisions do not authorize resources, other than property tax, to offset the additional direct expenditures required for their implementation.