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Extension of COBRA Continuation Requirement in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

Yesterday President Obama signed a measure to extend premium reductions for health benefits under COBRA. The extension adds another six (6) months to the benefit for a total of 15 months. In addition, it requires employers to notify current and future COBRA participants of the extended 15 month eligibility.

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Cable Television Act"

It has now been more than three years since Governor Corzine signed P.L. 2006, Chapter 83, legislation that amended the State's "Cable Television Act." Overall, the League believes that the new legislation has met its goals. As part of the required review of the impact of the Act, we have sent the attached review to the Board of Public Utilities.

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Recent Raritan Borough OPRA Decision

This is the latest information on a court case that should be of prime concern to all municipalities in the state.

Gannett Newspapers sent out numerous Open Public Records Act (OPRA) requests to different municipalities requesting specific payroll information for a six month period over two years. Gannett request stated that they wanted the records in electronic format, preferably excel, non-PDF format. Raritan Borough and several other towns replied that such records were not kept in the format requested and provided Gannett with the actual cost to convert them. In Raritan's case, they provided Gannett with the

cost from their payroll company. Gannett refused to pay the charge and sued Raritan.

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