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Subject: Rescue Squad Funding

Dear Mr. Mayor and Township Council,

Thank you for your tireless efforts in keeping our Township running. You all have careers and families, and yet, sacrifice your precious time for the betterment of our community. I am grateful for your efforts.

I realize the financial strain you are under. Income from State Aid and our local Tax base is in decline, and Health and Employee costs, along with most Goods and Services provided to our community, are constantly on the rise.

While I am open to the idea of saving money, I am not comfortable with the present plan of not funding our Volunteer Rescue Squads.

My late mother, nearing her death, was transported several times from her home here in Budd Lake, to Hackettstown Hospital; I have witnessed first hand the compassion and competency displayed by the people who staff our Squads. I don't want to lose them.

While the fabric and quality of our daily living seems to be in decline, I am not in favor of disbanding a group of Volunteers who have given so much to the community. While I fully understand we must deal with Budgets and with financial limitations, I feel the funds spent in supporting our Rescue Squads are an investment in the Quality of our daily lives here in Mount Olive, just as Parks and Beaches add to the Quality of Life. Moreover, the valued individuals on the Rescue Squads, save and protect lives on a daily basis.

At this point, and given the facts I have read to date, I am not ready to support the demise of our Rescue Squads.

My wife and I will attend the January council meeting, as we find this a matter of great concern.

Thank you again for all your efforts.

With Kindest Regards,

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