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LEAGUE ALERT

Municipal Clerk: Please forward to Mayor and Governing Body.

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**Re: Federal Stimulus Package Presidents'
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Dear Mayor:

Sometime early next week, we should know how much funding will be coming to New Jersey and for what specific purposes. We urge you, do not delay in contacting Governor Corzine's Office and your own State Legislators. The message is simple and straight-forward. "Get the money moving. There will be no economic stimulation, until the Stimulus funds are spent."

To date, we have listed over 900 'ready-to-go' projects from over 190 municipalities. Here is the current list. <http://www.njslom.org/Federal-Stimulus.html> The Governor and the Legislature need to be encouraged to get the stimulus funding into the hands of local officials, who, in turn, can get the money into almost immediate circulation throughout the economy of our Garden State.

Again, we remind you that your response to our survey does NOT constitute an application for funding. However, members of Governor Corzine's cabinet and staff are aware of our survey and have been monitoring your responses. We have kept them posted on your responses on an ongoing basis. They will, therefore, be aware of local needs when funding arrives in Trenton.

Accordingly, we again thank those of you who responded to our request for information.

We also want to thank Senators Lautenberg and Menendez and all of those in our House delegation who have worked so hard on our behalf. Special mention must be made of the effort of Senator Bob Menendez, who has shown great attention to the concerns of New Jersey municipalities throughout the debates and negotiations. Likewise, his staff has involved us in and informed us of the process, from the outset.

We will provide you with the specifics on the programs, as soon as we can. But there is no need to wait for the specifics to begin to send this vital message to State policy makers.

That message is simple and straight-forward. "Get the money moving. There will be no economic stimulation, until the Stimulus funds are spent."

Very truly yours,

Hon Timothy C. McDonough
President, NJLM and
Mayor, Hope Township

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