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**TO: GOVERNOR JON CORZINE, SENATE PRESIDENT CODEY,  
SPEAKER JOSEPH J. ROBERTS & MEMBERS OF THE MORRIS COUNTY  
LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION**

**RE: RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE DIVERSION OF FUNDS FROM THE EMT  
TRAINING FUND TO THE GENERAL TREASURY**

Dear Governor Corzine, Senate President Codey, Speaker Roberts & Members of the  
Morris County Legislative Delegation:

Please be advised that the Township Committee of the Township of  
Hanover opposes any efforts by the Governor to redirect money from the EMT Training  
Fund into the State's General Treasury. As a dedicated fund, moneys set aside for  
EMT certification or recertification training should be used for its intended purposes and  
not in a vain attempt to help bail out an almost bankrupt State.

A copy of the Township Committee's resolution in opposition to the  
Governor's plan is enclosed for reference and information purposes.

Very truly yours,  
TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER

Joseph A. Giorgio, R.M.C.  
Business Administrator/  
Township Clerk

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Enclosure

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**COPIES SENT TO THE FOLLOWING LEGISLATORS**

c: Hon. Jon Corzine, Governor  
Hon. Richard J. Codey, President of the Senate  
Hon. Joseph J. Roberts, Jr., Speaker of the General Assembly  
Hon. Joseph Pennacchio, Senator  
Hon. Alex DeCroce, Assemblyman  
Hon. Jay Webber, Assemblyman  
Hon. Anthony Bucco, Senator  
Hon. Michael P. Carroll, Assemblyman  
Hon. Richard A. Merkt, Assemblyman  
Hon. Christopher Bateman, Senator  
Hon. Peter J. Biondi, Assemblyman  
Hon. Denise M. Coyle, Assemblywoman  
Hon. Steven V. Oroho, Senator  
Hon. Alison Littell McHose, Assemblywoman  
Hon. Gary R. Chiusano, Assemblyman  
Hon. Thomas H. Kean, Jr., Senator  
Hon. Jon M. Bramnick, Assemblyman  
Township Committee- Each  
Hon. Margaret Nordstrom, Freeholder Director &  
Members of the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders  
William G. Dressel, Jr., Executive Director,  
New Jersey State League of Municipalities  
Morris County League of Municipalities  
All Morris County Municipalities

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
HANOVER OPPOSING THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED DIVERSION OF FUNDS  
FROM THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN TRAINING FUND TO THE  
GENERAL TREASURY**

**WHEREAS**, the Emergency Medical Technician ("EMT") Training Fund was created by New Jersey P.L. 1992, chapter 143 (N.J.S.A. 26:2K-54 et seq.) as a dedicated, non-lapsing, revolving fund, established to reimburse any private agency, organization or entity which is certified by the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services to provide training and testing for volunteer ambulance, first aid and rescue squad personnel who are seeking EMT certification and/or recertification; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fund has allowed thousands of Volunteer EMTs to earn and maintain their EMT certification without incurring out-of-pocket personal expense and without the need for funding from their volunteer squad or municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, the EMT Training Fund is not supported through the use of any tax money, but rather is supported by a \$0.50 surcharge on each fine, penalty and forfeiture imposed and collected by the State of New Jersey for motor vehicle or traffic violations and is currently running at approximately a \$ 1,000,000 deficit per year; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 23, 2009 the Department of Health and Senior Services' Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) informed the New Jersey State First Aid Council of Governor Corzine's intention to redirect \$4,000,000 from the dedicated EMT Training Fund to the general treasury of the State of New Jersey, leaving only a proposed \$400,000 balance in the Fund; and,

**WHEREAS**, a \$400,000 balance in the EMT Training Fund is inadequate to meet the annual training needs of the Volunteer EMT's of this State, and will result in severe cut-backs of state-paid EMT training for New Jersey's EMS Volunteer Community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hanover in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That Hanover Township formally opposes Governor Corzine's plan to transfer money from the EMT Training Fund, because of the detrimental effect this will have on the availability of EMT training for New Jersey's Volunteer EMS Community;

2. That Hanover Township opposes the intended re-appropriation of monies from the dedicated EMT Training Fund, which would shift the cost of Volunteer EMT Training to the Cedar Knolls Fire Department First Aid Squad, the municipality and its residents, which during this time of economic hardship, when squads continue to see a decrease in donations, contributions, and a short fall in fund raising, is fundamentally unfair to those who already volunteer their time to attend training courses and answer emergency calls and to require them to pay for their own training, when they already provide so much to their community, and which will, further, significantly impact the recruitment of new members, as well as retention of existing members since many will not be able to pay for their training;

3. That the governing body petitions the Governor and the State Legislature not to redirect any money from the EMT Training Fund and to return any money to the Fund that has already been removed for purposes other than those specified in New Jersey P.L. 1992, chapter 143; and be it further

4. That certified copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to Governor Jon Corzine, Assembly Speaker Joseph J. Roberts, Senate President Richard J. Codey, Members of the Morris County Legislative Delegation, the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, the Morris County League of Municipalities, the Boards of Fire Commissioners of Fire Districts No. 2 and 3, the Chiefs of the Whippany and Cedar Knolls Fire Departments and all Morris County Municipalities.

DATED: May 14, 2009

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER  
COUNTY OF MORRIS  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ATTEST:

  
Joseph A. Giorgio, Township Clerk

  
Leonardo A. Fariello, Mayor

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CERTIFICATION

I, Joseph A. Giorgio, Township Clerk of the Township of Hanover, County of Morris and State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee of said Township on the 14<sup>th</sup> of May, 2009, at a meeting duly convened, of said Body.

  
Joseph A. Giorgio, Township Clerk

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE VOTE	AYE	MAY	ABSTAINED	ABSENT
SHERIDAN	✓			
IRADI	✓			
SCHLEIFER	✓			
COPPOLA	✓			
FARIELLO	✓			
TOTAL	5			