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June 10, 2009



The Honorable Jon S. Corzine  
Governor, State of New Jersey  
State House  
P.O. Box 001  
Trenton, NJ 08625

**Re: Resolution opposing the proposed diversion of funds from the  
Emergency Medical Technician Training Fund to the General Treasury**

Dear Governor Corzine:

At their meeting of June 9, 2009, the Montville Township Committee adopted a resolution opposing the proposed diversion of funds from the Emergency Medical Technician Training Fund to the general treasury.

Enclosed please find a copy of the resolution.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

Gertrude H. Atkinson  
Township Clerk

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Enclosure

c: Assembly Speaker Joseph J. Roberts  
Senate President Richard J. Codey  
Senator Joseph Pennacchio, 26<sup>th</sup> Legislative District  
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Assemblyman Jay Webber, 26<sup>th</sup> Legislative District  
Montville Township First Aid Squad  
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**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTVILLE 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 cutbacks 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 Montville in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That Montville 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 Montville 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 Montville 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