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**Subject:** Resolution Opposing Adoption of P.L. 2009, c.118

Dear Municipal Clerks:

Please share the attached with your Mayor and Governing Body.


Thank you.

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TOWNSHIP OF PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS  
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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** The Honorable Joseph Pennacchio, Senator of the State of New Jersey  
The Honorable Alex DeCroce, Assemblyman of the Senate of New Jersey  
The Honorable Jay Webber, Assemblyman of the State of New Jersey

**From:** Judith I. Silver, Township Clerk 

**Date:** September 17, 2009

**Re:** **Resolution of the Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills Opposing The Adoption of P.L. 2009, C.118 And Its Application Statewide**

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Enclosed please find a certified copy of the above captioned resolution adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills at its meeting of September 15, 2009. The Governing Body opposes any plan to expand the pilot program to include Morris County.

Enclosure

cc: Mayor and Township Council, Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills  
Jasmine Lim, Business Administrator, Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills  
Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders (w/copy of resolution)  
All Morris County Municipalities (via email or fax w/copy of resolution)  
The Association of Municipal Assessors of New Jersey (w/copy of resolution)

September 15, 2009

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, OPPOSING THE ADOPTION OF P.L. 2009, C. 118 AND ITS APPLICATION STATEWIDE**

**WHEREAS**, P.L. 2009, c. 118 was enacted by the New Jersey Legislature, and signed into law by the Governor on August 18, 2009, creating a pilot program in Gloucester County, whereby the county will take over the tax assessment and valuation duties heretofore performed by municipal tax assessors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council of the Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills ("Parsippany") understands that the Legislature is considering the expansion of this pilot program statewide, consolidating the duties of every municipality's tax assessor into those of newly appointed county tax assessors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township believes that local control of the municipal tax assessment and revaluation function is essential to the municipality's ability to control costs and effectively budget for the future; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township believes that the local knowledge and expertise of a municipal tax assessor familiar with the properties within a municipality and local conditions affecting the community cannot be effectively and efficiently reproduced at the county level; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township believes that any potential cost savings to be realized by consolidation are outweighed by the local expertise and attention that local assessors currently provide to our State's communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Council of the Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills, County of Morris and State of New Jersey objects to and opposes the enactment of P.L. 2009, c. 118, and opposes any plan to expand the pilot program to include Morris County.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Municipal Clerk forward copies of this resolution to the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders, each municipality in Morris County, New Jersey State Senator Joseph Pennacchio, New Jersey State Assemblyman Alex DeCroce, New Jersey State Assemblyman Jay Webber, and the Association of Municipal Assessors of New Jersey.

**THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE IS A TRUE AND  
LAWFUL COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE  
TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PARSIPPANY,  
TROY HILLS, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
AT ITS MEETING OF** 9-18-09

*Judith L. Silver*  
**JUDITH L. SILVER, TOWNSHIP CLERK**