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Sent: Monday, September 29, 2008 3:31 PM
To: Lashway, Lisa
Subject: Municipal Clerks from NJLM

LEAGUE ALERT

Municipal Clerk: Please forward to Mayor and Governing Body.

September 29, 2008

Re: I Media Advisory

Re: II A-2731 Expedited Traffic Signs Approvals

Dear Mayor:

We issued the following media advisory on today's signing of the Pension and Benefits Reform Act of 2008.

For a copy of the Governor's News Release and summary, please go to our web page at www.njslom.org go to this letter and find the link for this information.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

William G. Dressel, Jr.
Executive Director

**Monday, September 29, 2008
Trenton, NJ**

LEAGUE RELIEVED AT GOVERNOR'S ACTION ON PENSION REFORM

In view of the dismal economic climate in our Nation, the League is pleased to see Governor Corzine's action on the Pension and Benefit Reform package today.

While we were concerned about the delay in completing this process, the League is pleased that Governor Corzine's signing is an indication of his commitment to bring relief to the long suffering, overburdened property taxpayer. His signing today is recognition that pension costs are stifling State and Local budgets and

relief is necessary for the fiscal health of our State.

The League always stated the package does not go far enough to address documented issues we raised in testimony relative to PFRS; nevertheless, the package is a positive step toward reform. The prospective nature of its application indicates the promise to current members of the pension system remains intact.

The Public Employee Pension and Benefits Reform Act of 2008 was a hard fought, comprehensive package represented by S-1962. It reformed various aspects of PERS and TPAF. The League conceptually supports its adoption.

Re: II A-2731 Expedited Traffic Signs Approvals

Dear Mayor:

On Thursday, September 25, the Assembly passed A-2731, which would permit municipalities and counties to make certain traffic engineering decisions without DOT approval. The bill is designed to expedite the timely posting of appropriate traffic safety signs and signals.

This is a major issue in need of legislative attention. Local officials from all around the State have expressed their frustration with waiting for bureaucratic approval of signs and signals that local officials see as essential to protecting lives and preventing accidents. They have often felt compelled to post traffic signs prior to DOT approval, in order to maximize the public's safety in and around dangerous intersections. And we welcome legislation that would allow local officials to post such signage when and where it is deemed appropriate.

We commend the sponsors for their attention to this concern. The bill now advances to the Senate Transportation Committee, where it will join its companion measure, S-1908.

Please contact your State Senator and urge support for A-2731/S-1908.

For more information contact Jon Moran at (609) 695-3481 ext. 121 or jmoran@njleg.com

Very truly yours,

William G. Dressel, Jr.
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