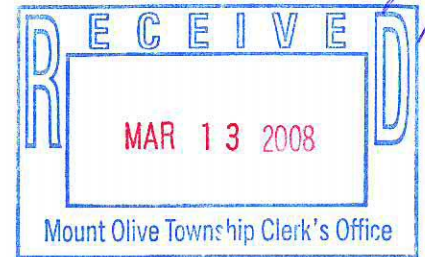


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March 11, 2008

Honorable Jon S. Corzine
Office of the Governor
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Trenton, NJ 08625

RE: Opposing the Abolishment of the New Jersey Department of Agriculture

Dear Governor Corzine:

Enclosed is a certified copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Council on March 4, 2008 strongly opposing the abolishment of the New Jersey Department of Agriculture.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Edwards".

Mary Edwards
Deputy Clerk

Enclosure

cc: Legislative Representatives
Morris County Municipalities
NJ League of Municipalities

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**TOWNSHIP OF CHESTER
RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE ABOLISHMENT OF THE
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

WHEREAS, the Township of Chester, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, is a rural and agricultural community which enjoys the quality of life and economic benefits from farms and farming; and

WHEREAS, Chester Township is an active participant in farmland preservation and has preserved numerous farms and open space properties; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey is nationally recognized as the Garden State and the New Jersey Department of Agriculture supports the farming profession with essential services for plant inspection and trade, animal health and transport, inspection and promotion of “Jersey Fresh” produce and organic certification; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture develops the school nutrition guidelines and operations pursuant to the federal school meal programs, as well as emergency food purchase and distribution linking New Jersey farms with nutrition programs; and

WHEREAS, Governor Jon Corzine has initiated an effort to abolish the New Jersey Department of Agriculture as an alleged cost cutting measure. The abolition of the