

DRAFT LETTER TO STATE SENATOR

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RE: Please support the “Toolkit”

Dear Senator:

Recently, the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee began its deliberations and consideration of the “toolkit” reforms, designed to address and lower the cost drivers for local governments. On July 19, the Senate Committee approved the following three bills that we believe are worthy of your support:

S-2012, which allows gross income tax refunds to be credited against a taxpayer’s delinquent local property taxes;

S-2072, which permits publication of legal notices by governments and individuals on official government websites instead of newspaper; and

S-2208, which would allow certain non-governmental organizations to file complaints with the Council on Local Mandates.

It is our understanding that these bills will likely be considered by the full Senate, and we would appreciate your support.

Further, in the upcoming weeks, the Senate Committee will consider additional toolkit items, including reforms to interest arbitration, civil service and other mandates relief. As Governor Christie himself stated, the 2% cap is “unworkable” without such reforms.

It is of the utmost importance, therefore, for our property taxpayers that these reforms also pass in a timely fashion and in be putare in place before we begin developing our 2011 budget.

We urge you to support the toolkit reforms.

Very truly yours,

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