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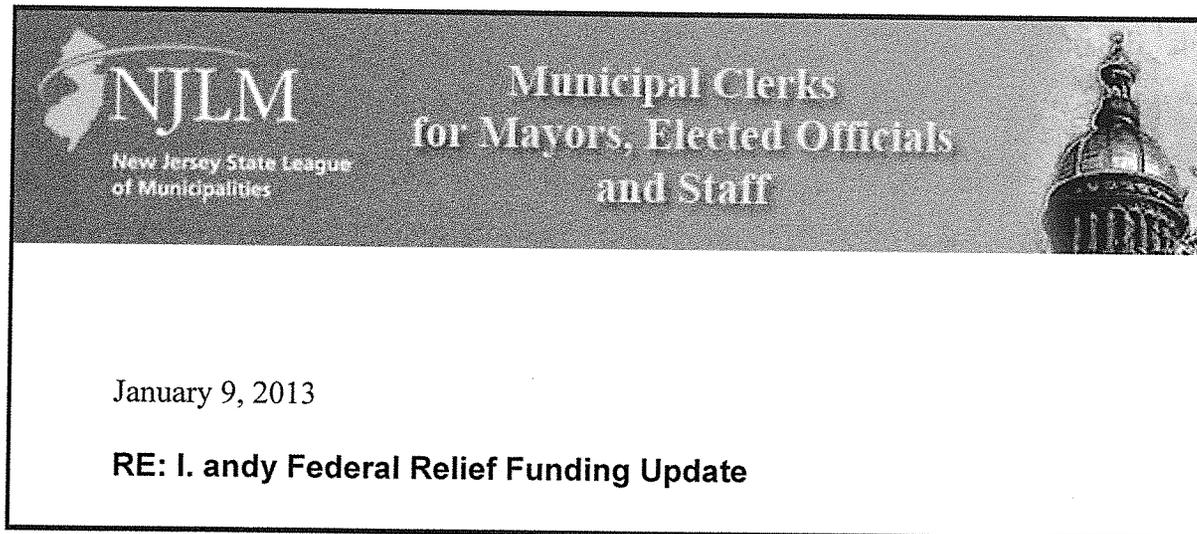
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Dear Mayor:

As you know, after failing to take action on Sandy Relief Funding during last session (See our [January 2 letter](#).), leaders of the U.S. House of Representatives were roundly criticized. Consequently, once the new session began, House leadership took quick action on legislation to provide \$9.7 billion in supplemental funding for the National Flood Insurance Program. (See our [January 4 letter](#))

At that time, Speaker John Boehner promised a floor vote on the balance of funding on January 15. On that same date, Congressman Hal Rogers of Kentucky, who chairs the House Appropriations Committee, introduced [H.R. 152](#), the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013. This bill is a stripped down version of the \$60 billion (which included the Flood Insurance Program funding) that was requested by the President and (with some modifications) approved by the Senate last session. It would appropriate a total of \$17 billion.

In response to this, New Jersey Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen has proposed amendments to H.R. 152. In total, those amendments would appropriate \$50 billion in relief funding. For a summary of Congressman Frelinghuysen's proposed changes, visit [www.rules.house.gov/Media/file/PDF\\_113\\_1/PDF/AMNT-113-HR152-FrelinghuysenSumm.pdf](http://www.rules.house.gov/Media/file/PDF_113_1/PDF/AMNT-113-HR152-FrelinghuysenSumm.pdf).

Early next week, the House Rules Committee will meet to establish the rules under which the House will debate and vote on the bill and the amendments. We will keep you posted on any developments. If you have any questions, contact Jon Moran at 609-695-3481, ext. 121 or [jmoran@njslom.com](mailto:jmoran@njslom.com) .

Very truly yours,

William G. Dressel, Jr.  
Executive Director

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**RE: II. Op-ed Supporting Direct Payment of Energy Tax Funding  
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Dear Mayor:

Returning Energy Tax Receipts to municipalities is my top legislative priority. Burdensome property taxes remain a top concern of New Jersey citizens, businesses and municipal officials. The single most important and immediate action that the State could take to address this matter would be to comply with the laws that require the distribution of municipal property tax relief funding.

Earlier today, I forwarded to newspapers all around the State an Op-ed piece to increase citizen awareness of this fact. The Op-ed, which we have posted on the League's website at <http://www.njslom.org/documents/energy-tax-op-ed.html>, supports A-2753/S-1923, companion bills that would require certain energy tax receipts to be paid directly to municipalities, beginning in the State's next fiscal year. (For details on the bill, see <http://www.njslom.org/letters/2012-1206-A2753.html>.) Please feel free to link this Op-ed piece to your municipal website.

Please contact your State Senator and your representatives in the General Assembly urging them to recognize this issue and to support our efforts to restore to towns, as a first step, approximately \$331 million in reductions to CMPTRA and ETR Aid, which was eliminated due to State budget constraints in Fiscal Years 2009, 2010, and 2011.

The time has come to restore this property tax relief funding to our citizens. They have waited too long already.

Very truly yours,

Janice S. Mironov, President,  
New Jersey State League of Municipalities,  
Mayor, East Windsor Township

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