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December 2, 2008

TO: Governor Jon Corzine, Senate President Codey, Sepaker Joseph J. Roberts,
Morris County Legislative Delegation, Morris County Municipalities

SUBJECT: Resolution Supporting Assembly No. A-2760a and Senate No. S-1785
Enhanced Security for Municipal Court Facilities

Dear Governor Corzine, Senate President Codey, Speaker Roberts & Members of the Morris County Legislative Delagation:

Enclosed is a copy of a resolution unanimously approved by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Boonton supporting Assembly No. 2760 and Senate No. S-1785 which legislation would provide funding to municipalities for municipal court related security improvements.

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen urge you to support this legislation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,
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Cynthia A. Oravits, RMC
Town Clerk

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RESOLUTION 08-234

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF BOONTON, COUNTY OF MORRIS, SUPPORTING ASSEMBLY NO. A-2760 AND SENATE NO. S-1785 AS THESE MEASURES SEEK TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR ENHANCED SECURITY IN AND AROUND MUNICIPAL COURT FACILITIES

WHEREAS, Assembly No. A-2760 and Senate No. S-1785 known as the "Court Security Enhancement Fund", proposes to make nominal increases to certain court fees and penalties to raise money to enhance security in and around municipal and county court facilities; and

WHEREAS, the fees will raise between \$15 and \$20 million annually, and at least 95% of this money will be distributed to municipalities and counties to fund court security; and

WHEREAS, violence and threats related to court activity are on the rise nationally, and it is imperative that court facilities be safe and secure if our citizens are to use the courts to resolve disputes in a peaceful manner; and

WHEREAS, these measures will provide the Town with the opportunity to obtain external funding to offset local costs for court security and will make municipal courtrooms, municipal complexes and the exterior areas safe and accessible for employees and the public; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen has reviewed the above-noted legislation and evaluated the possible effects this legislation may have on our municipal complexes, its employees and residents; and

WHEREAS, the governing body believes that the proposed legislation is in the best interest of the residents of the Town of Boonton and urge members of the Morris County Legislative Delegation and the entire Legislature to support passage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Boonton, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That the Mayor and Board of Aldermen endorses and supports companion legislation, known as Assembly No. A-2760 and Senate No. S-1785 in establishing a Court Security Enhancement Fund that will provide municipalities and counties to enhance and improve security for their respective court facilities.
2. That a certified copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to Governor Jon S. Corzine, Senate president Richard J. Codey, Assembly Speaker Joseph J. Roberts, Jr., members of the Morris County Legislative Delegation, the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the New Jersey League of Municipalities, the Morris County League of Municipalities and all Morris County municipalities in urging their support and passage of the above referenced legislation.

I, Cynthia A. Oravits, Clerk of the Town of Boonton, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen at a regular meeting of said governing body held on December 1, 2008.

Cynthia A. Oravits, RMC
Town Clerk