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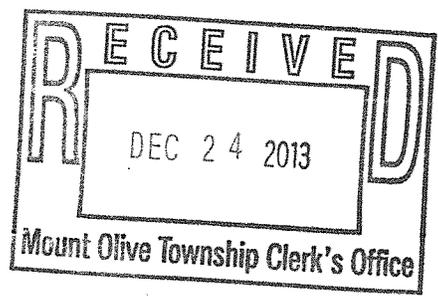


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December 20, 2013

TO: Speaker of the United States House of Representatives
President of the United States Senate
Members of the New Jersey Congressional Delegation
Members of the 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th Legislative Districts
Morris County Municipalities
New Jersey State League of Municipalities



Re: Resolution No. 177-2013

Enclosed please find a certified copy of the above captioned resolution that was adopted by the Township Council of the Township of East Hanover at a meeting held December 16, 2013.

In this regard, the Township Council fully endorses the adoption of Assembly Resolution No. 193 sponsored by Assemblywoman BettyLou DeCroce in urging Congress to dedicate additional Federal funds for highway maintenance and infrastructure improvements in New Jersey.

Sincerely,

Paula A. Massaro
Township Clerk

Encl.

RESOLUTION NO. 177-2013

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST HANOVER
ENDORING THE ADOPTION OF ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION NO. 193 SPONSORED
BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN BETTY LOU DECROCE IN URGING CONGRESS TO
DEDICATE ADDITIONAL FEDERAL FUNDS FOR HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE
AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS IN NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, The New Jersey Department of Transportation estimates that motorists travel more than 200 million miles per day on the approximately 39,000 miles of public roadways in the State; and

WHEREAS, according to TRIP, a national non-profit transportation research group, sixty-six percent of New Jersey's roads are in poor or mediocre condition, and thirty-six percent of New Jersey's bridges are structurally deficient or functionally obsolete; and

WHEREAS, roads and bridges in poor condition cost motorists in the State an estimated \$3.6 billion per year in vehicle repairs and operating costs and \$121 billion a year in fuel costs and time lost in traffic; and

WHEREAS, TRIP estimates that roadway conditions are a significant factor in one-third of the approximately 600 annual traffic-related deaths in the State; and

WHEREAS, in the latest Annual Highway Report issued by the Reason Foundation, New Jersey's highway system ranked 46th in the nation in overall highway performance, 34th in deficient bridges, 45th in urban interstate highway congestion, and 48th in urban interstate pavement in poor condition, and

WHEREAS, in recent years, the State spent eight times the national per mile average on the maintenance of roads and bridges in New Jersey, and although New Jersey already invests more per mile of highway than any other state, its roads and bridges continue to rank among the worst in the country making additional federal investment in the State's roads and bridges crucial to the safety and convenience of those who use them; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey is a key corridor state located between two major metropolitan areas, and the benefits derived from a well-maintained transportation infrastructure not only support commerce and economic activity between those metropolitan areas but also provide significant benefits to the region and the nation as a whole making it imperative that adequate funding be provided by the federal government to support the State's transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's location in relation to the Port of New York and New Jersey, which handles over 3.3 million containers per year and provides much needed goods and inventory to businesses throughout the region and the nation, demonstrates a critical need for adequate transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, in addition to benefiting New Jerseyans, additional federal investment in the State's roads and bridges will make it safer and more reliable to transport goods through the State, extending the impact of such investment to the entire country; and

WHEREAS, it has been documented that for every dollar New Jersey sends in taxes to the federal government, the State receives only 61 cents in return; and

WHEREAS, this disparity needs to be diminished and adequate funding provided to New Jersey to support the maintenance of the State's highways and improvements to the State's transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, in a struggling economy, investing in improvements to the transportation infrastructure creates much needed jobs in the construction and engineering industries and in every industry that relies on both intrastate and interstate commerce; and

WHEREAS, in the best interests of the citizens of this State and the nation for this Township Council to respectfully urge the United States Congress to invest additional dollars in maintaining highways and improving the transportation infrastructure in this State.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of East Hanover, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The governing body urges the United States Congress to invest additional federal dollars in maintaining the highways and improving the transportation infrastructure in the State of New Jersey.
2. That certified copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, the Members of the New Jersey Congressional Delegation, the Members of the 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th Districts of the New Jersey Senate and General Assembly, all Morris County municipalities and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities for reference and information purposes.

I HEREBY CERTIFY the foregoing to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Council of the Township of East Hanover at a regular meeting held December 16, 2013.



Paula A. Massaro, RMC, Township Clerk

Councilman Peluso
Councilman DeMaio
Councilman Martorelli
Council President Jandoli
Mayor Pannullo

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