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**Municipal Clerks  
for Mayors, Elected Officials  
and Staff**



February 27, 2012

**Re: I. USE LEAGUE RESOURCE TO CALCULATE STATE SKIM  
IMPACT ON YOUR PROPERTY TAXPAYERS**

Dear Mayor:

Recognizing the State's continuing failure to honor its commitment to municipal property tax relief, Wharton Borough Administrator and CFO Jon Rheinhardt has updated a spreadsheet, which he developed last year. It can be used to calculate your municipality's annual and 11-year aggregate Energy Tax/CMPTRA losses. Based on that, you can determine what your taxpayers should have received in prior years, and would be receiving this year, if the State complied with the aggregate funding requirements every year, and if it distributed to your municipality the same proportion of the total that your taxpayers originally received in 2001.

If you have access to the excel program, you can open that spreadsheet at <http://www.njslom.org/documents/ETR-Impact-Calculation.xls>. The numbers currently depicted on the spreadsheet show Wharton's actual Energy Tax and CMPTRA receipts, the statutorily required amounts and the differences. If your CFO will enter your municipality's actual annual receipts, in column c, the program will complete the calculations and show your annual and 11-year losses.

**You can use this resource to show your local property taxpayers the amount of relief that they have been denied, by the State, from these sources. You can, also, share this information with your State Legislators and with the local press.**

If you have any questions, please contact Jon Moran at 609-695-3481, ext. 121.

Very truly yours,

William G. Dressel, Jr.  
Executive Director

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**Re: II. Updates of DLGS website**

Dear Mayor:

The following updates have occurred on the DLGS website:

1. Levy Cap Referendums Notice Must be Filed with DLGS: Municipalities considering a property tax levy cap referendums were required to publish a "Notice of Availability of Mail-In Ballots" in an official newspaper by February 22 (See LFN 2012-5 [www.nj.gov/dca/lgs/lfns/12lfns/2012-5.pdf](http://www.nj.gov/dca/lgs/lfns/12lfns/2012-5.pdf)). Municipal Clerks whose municipalities published the notice (or had it published by the County Clerk on their behalf) must file a copy of the Notice with the Division immediately. Please email a copy of the Notice to [dlgs@dca.state.nj.us](mailto:dlgs@dca.state.nj.us) or fax to 609-292-9073.
2. The League of Municipalities has prepared a booklet on the Local Government Ethics Law which may help local officials understand the law and its application. Those interested in ordering the booklet can find information at [www.njslom.org/publications/Ethics-Law.pdf](http://www.njslom.org/publications/Ethics-Law.pdf).
3. Retirement Party Reminder: the due date of the RSVP for Deputy Director Marc Pfeiffer's retirement party is rapidly approaching. Please have your RSVP invitation ([http://nj.gov/dca/lgs/marc\\_pfeiffers\\_retirement\\_invite.doc](http://nj.gov/dca/lgs/marc_pfeiffers_retirement_invite.doc)) and check (payable to "Christine Zapicchi") delivered to the NJ Division of Local Government Services no later than Friday, March 9. If you would like to attend but will not be able to submit your check by March 9, please call Elaine Abel at (609) 292- 6613 or email [Elaine.Abel@dca.state.nj.us](mailto:Elaine.Abel@dca.state.nj.us).
4. The Division of Taxation has begun mailing of property tax reimbursement (PTR) applications for 2011. Members of the public who need assistance should be referred to the Property Tax Reimbursement Hotline (1 800-882-6597).
5. The State Tax Court has updated their website [www.judiciary.state.nj.us/taxcourt/monthlyjdgmnts.pdf](http://www.judiciary.state.nj.us/taxcourt/monthlyjdgmnts.pdf) with the new report for January 2012. You will need to reach out to your town attorney and/or assessor for copies of any stipulations that may have been taken into consideration for these judgments as they will not be listed on the report itself. Please take note

that the report is searchable by municipality. Prior reports are available online at [www.judiciary.state.nj.us/taxcourt/taxcaseinfo.htm](http://www.judiciary.state.nj.us/taxcourt/taxcaseinfo.htm). For questions, please call (609) 292-6858 or email [pturin@dca.state.nj.us](mailto:pturin@dca.state.nj.us).

6. Local Finance Notice 2012-4 ([www.nj.gov/dca/lgs/lfns/12lfns/2012-4.pdf](http://www.nj.gov/dca/lgs/lfns/12lfns/2012-4.pdf)) provides "Guidance on Preparing for Tax Appeals and Paying for their Impact; Including a Discussion of the Newly Enacted P.L. 2011, c. 224." This Notice discusses issues in financing repayment of tax refunds under several fiscal circumstances. It also reviews the new capability for financing current year appeals that result in a cash deficit due to tax appeals.

7. Applications for the Per Capita State Aid (PCSA) grant program for library aid are due by March 15, 2012. The program cover letter, instructions and application are available at

[http://ldb.njstatelib.org/State\\_Aid](http://ldb.njstatelib.org/State_Aid). If you have any questions regarding the application, please contact Bob Keith at [rkeith@njstatelib.org](mailto:rkeith@njstatelib.org).

8. The Department of Community Affairs recently announced that the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is now accepting applications for the upcoming heating season which runs from November 1, 2011 to April 30, 2012. The DCA administers this federal program which provides low-income households with money to help pay their heating bills. Information about the program is available online at [www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/dhcr/offices/hea.html](http://www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/dhcr/offices/hea.html) or call 1-800-510-3102.

9. The DEP Bulletin contains a list of construction permit applications recently filed or acted upon by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. The latest issue was released February 22, 2012. This issue can be viewed online at: [www.nj.gov/dep/bulletin/bu2012\\_0222.pdf](http://www.nj.gov/dep/bulletin/bu2012_0222.pdf).

10. The New Jersey Housing Mortgage Finance Agency has announced the "New Jersey HomeKeeper Program" funded thru a grant from United States Treasury's Hardest Hit Fund. The program offers financial help to homeowners who are in danger of losing their home as a direct result of unemployment or underemployment. It provides assistance in the form of a second mortgage loan whereby the proceeds may be used to cover arrearages and/or an approved

amount of the homeowner's monthly mortgage payment, including property taxes, property insurance, and mortgage insurance. Program details are available online at [www.njhomekeeper.gov](http://www.njhomekeeper.gov) or the toll-free HomeKeeper call center at (855)-NJ-KEEP-1.

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