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Mayors Advisory

March 12, 2013

RE: A-2753 Advances to Assembly Floor Would Require Payment of Energy Taxes Directly To Municipal Government

Dear Mayor:

Last Thursday in Trenton, the Assembly Appropriations Committee released Assembly Bill A-2753, which would require certain energy tax receipts to be paid directly to municipalities. This legislation would assure local property taxpayers compensation for hosting transmission facilities and lines that allow gas and electric energy corporations to serve customers and conduct business in our Garden State.

The Committee's vote was 7 in favor, one opposed, and one abstention. A-2753 is now positioned for a vote on the Assembly floor. Please urge your Assembly Representatives to support this essential property tax relief initiative.

For more information on the bill and this issue, you can access my op-ed from the League's website at

<http://www.njslom.org/documents/energy-tax-op-ed.html>

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The League's top priority for 2013 is the restoration to municipalities of funding diverted by the state from Energy Taxes intended for local use and property tax relief.

The decision of the state to divert these revenues for its own use had been a major contributor to the increase in local property taxes. Enactment of Assembly Bill A-2753 would be a means to begin restoration of energy tax receipts and a vehicle for some immediate property tax relief to our communities.

We want to acknowledge and thank the bill sponsors for their leadership on this issue: Assembly Members Dan Benson, Wayne DeAngelo and Mila Jasey. (The companion measure, Senate Bill S-1923, which awaits action in the Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee, is sponsored by Senator Linda Greenstein.)

Again, Assembly Bill A-2753 is now in position for final approval by the Assembly. Please contact those who represent you and your property taxpayers in that body and urge them to support this common sense initiative.

Very truly yours,

Janice S. Mironov, President,

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Mayor, East Windsor Township

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