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## Municipal Clerks for Mayors, Elected Officials and Staff



April 7, 2010

**RE: League Provides Municipal Perspective on Privatization Practice,  
Pitfalls, Impediments and Possibilities**

Dear Mayor:

Today in Trenton, League Labor Relations Counsel Brian Kronick, Esq., League Inter-local Municipal Cooperation and Management Advisory Service Coordinator Gregory Fehrenbach and Executive Director William Dressel testified before the New Jersey Privatization Task Force. You can view a copy of the testimony at <http://www.njslom.com/testimony/040710-privatization.html>.

The Task Force was created by Governor Christie to develop recommendations for a comprehensive approach to converting certain areas of government operations to privately-run operations in an effort to cut the size and cost of state government. Shortly after being chosen to Chair this effort, Congressman Dick Zimmer contacted the League to request our cooperation.

In today's testimony, League speakers presented an over-view of current municipal initiatives which engage workers, other than local municipal employees, to perform municipal services. They reviewed the motivations for this approach, examples of local 'contracting out,' and impediments to more frequent use of this management strategy.

These include:

- Civil Service regulations
- PERC statutes
- Prevailing Wage requirements

- Local Public Contracts Law provisions
- Public Safety mandates
- Public Employee and Citizen resistance.

The testimony concluded with a look at what the State might do to remove those impediments.

For more information on this, contact Jon Moran at 609-695-3481, ext. 121.

Very truly yours,

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