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Municipal Clerks for Mayors, Elected Officials and Staff



August 2, 2010

RE: Binding Arbitration Reform & Other Toolkit Reform – Action Request!

Dear Mayor:

We would like to call your attention to two recent League op-eds on arbitration reform, running in the Star-Ledger and Asbury Park Press. The op-ed's are also online at: <http://www.app.com/article/20100801/OPINION/8010331/William-G-Dressel-Jr-Christie-s-tool-kit-needs-a-hammer> and http://blog.nj.com/njv_guest_blog/2010/07/a_hammer_for_the_tool_kit_arbi.html#mode_smoref_twitt

We are now one month into Governor Christies' Special session for Property Tax Reform. All we have been given, thus far, is the new 2% levy cap. If you think our property taxpayers deserve more than that, we ask you to consider the following.

One, if you have not already done so, please we urge you to pass the draft resolution the League prepared and distributed in our [July 14 Dear Mayor letter](#). Our goal is for all municipalities in the State to pass a resolution consistent with the intent of this resolution, which urges the Legislature to promptly act on the "toolkit" reforms. The resolution is available in Word or PDF format at the League's toolkit information page: <http://www.njslom.org/2011FY-Budget/toolbox-news.html>

Two, as referenced in our [July 20 Dear Mayor letter](#), the Senate Budget Committee passed three bills at its first meeting to consider the toolkit. Further

meetings on the remainder of the toolkit are forthcoming. **We suggest you consider, using our draft template letter, sending a letter to your State Senator asking for their support for these particular bills, and the toolkit in general.** The draft template letter is available at <http://www.njslom.org/2011FY-Budget/toolkit-letter-senator.pdf> or in Word format at <http://www.njslom.org/2011FY-Budget/toolkit-letter-senator.doc>

Third, the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee will be holding further hearings on bills in the toolkit reform package, including needed reforms to interest arbitration and civil service. **We suggest consideration of, again using a League draft template, sending a letter to the members of the Senate Budget Committee, asking them to advance the additional reforms in the toolkit.** This draft template letter is available at <http://www.njslom.org/2011FY-Budget/What-Can-you-do-for-the-toolkit-senate.pdf> or in Word format at <http://www.njslom.org/2011FY-Budget/What-Can-you-do-for-the-toolkit-senate.doc>

Please copy the League on any of the above correspondence. It will be vital to track the number of towns officially “on the record” in support of the toolkit.

But now, the Legislature needs to know where you stand on arbitration reform. For more on the toolkit package, please contact either Jon Moran at jmoran@njslom.com or 609-695-3481 x121, Mike Cerra at mcerra@njslom.com or at x120, or Lori Buckelew at lbuckelew@njslom.com or x112.

Very Truly Yours,

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