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### JERSEY MAYORS SUPPORT GOV. CHRISTIE'S 'TOOL KIT'

TRANSCRIPT OF THE NOVEMBER 18TH, 2010 LEDGER LIVE VIDEO BY THE STAR-LEDGER'S BRIAN DONOHUE:

BRIAN DONOHUE: How you doing Jersey welcome to Ledger Live I'm here in Atlantic City at the League of Municipalities convention, which is wrapping up. Clearly, as you can see they just had a lunch here with mayors from across the state. And Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno gave an address about Governor Chris Christie's property tax tool kit, and what will happen if the legislature doesn't pass the 33 bills and that helping towns stay under the 2% property tax cap.

*[Start clip from speech]*

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR KIM GUADAGNO: Run the numbers. You know if your revenue doesn't go up, you're not going to make the 2% cap. You know you're going to have layoffs. As you sit here today, I know you know it.

*[End clip from speech]*

BRIAN DONOHUE: And I came in here after the lunch and tried to find some mayor, democrat or republican, who was not for the tool kit, who didn't want this thing pasted, I couldn't find one.

MILLSTONE BOROUGH MAYOR RAYMOND HECK: We're looking for the tool kit, we're looking for some results. The time is ticking.

OCEAN TOWNSHIP MAYOR JOSEPH LACHAWIEC: We're the local elected leaders, we have to face our constituents in the local Wawa. They want to know what's going on. Give us that tool kit, we'll work it out, and this state will become fiscally sound again.

JERSEY CITY MAYOR JERRAMIAH HEALY: The most important things in there are the cap on arbitration awards. Very important, and that's going to be helpful. Also review and reform the labyrinthine civil service rules and regulations.

BRIAN DONOHUE: So, you are mayor of East Orange, hardcore democrat, you must be against this tool kit, no?

EAST ORANGE MAYOR ROBERT L. BOWSER: Well, I'm against the tool kit in the sense that it should've been done first.

BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER MAYOR SAMUEL S. RAIA: Mayors are going to need the tool kit to make the taxes stay at the 2% cap, and they're just not reacting, and that really troubles me.

LAMBERTVILLE CITY MAYOR DAVID M. DELVECCHIO: If you're going to pass the 2% hard cap, even with the several exceptions – exemptions as, if you're going to pass that then you have to – the next step is you have to – you know, have the tool kit. It's like – you know it's like buying a car, but not knowing how to drive.

BRIAN DONOHUE: That wraps up Ledger Live, take it easy Jersey.

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