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December 23, 2013

The Honorable Christopher Christie, Governor The Honorable Stephen M. Sweeney, Senate President The Honorable Thomas H. Kean, Jr., Senate Minority Leader The Honorable Shiela Y. Oliver, Speaker of the General Assembly The Honorable Jon Bramnick, Assembly Minority Leader

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:13H-19, the Council on Local Mandates submits its Report to the Governor and the Legislature, enclosed with this letter.

Copies of this letter are being provided to the Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the General Assembly, the Office of Public Information, and the Office of State Librarian. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding the Report.

Respectfully,

Sharon L. Weiner, Esq., Council Chairwoman

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Enclosure – 2013 Report of the Council on Local Mandates

cc w/enc.: Kent M. Hicks, Secretary of the Senate

Dana M. Burley, Clerk of the General Assembly

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REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON LOCAL MANDATES TO HON. CHRISTOPHER CHRISTIE, GOVERNOR, AND TO THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

The Council statute provides, in pertinent part:

The council shall submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature prior to December 31 of each year setting forth the names and salaries of: the professional employees of council members, individuals employed by the council on a temporary or permanent basis, and personnel and consultants for whose service the council has contracted.

[N.J.S.A. 52:13H-19]

Accordingly, the Council reports the following information (as of December 31, 2013):

- 1. Professional employees of Council members: none.
- 2. Individual(s) employed by the Council on a temporary or permanent basis:

Shawn D. Slaughter Executive Administrator & Coordinator (full time position) Salary: \$50,000.00 per annum

- 3. Personnel and consultants for whose service the Council has contracted: none
- 4. Cases before the Council (as of December 31, 2013): One matter came before the Council on Local Mandates filed by the Allamuchy B.O.E. (August 2012), and a decision to dismiss the matter was presented to all interested parties on August 21, 2013.

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Attachment

COUNCIL SUMMARY OF 2013 CASES

In 2013, the Council resolved a second complaint filed in 2012 by the Township of Allamuchy Board of Education.

In that complaint it was alleged that N.J. Laws 2012, c.1, sections 1,2,3 and 6 were an unfunded mandate in violation of the New Jersey Constitution, article VIII, §2, ¶5 and N.J.S.A. 52:13H-2, because it does not authorize resources, other than property tax, to offset the additional direct expenditures for its implementation.

As the NJ State Budget for FY2014 contained funding of \$1 million dollars for the Bullying Prevention Fund, the challenge to sections of P.L. 2010, c.122 was deemed "moot" and was therefore "dismissed" and was not considered by the Council on Local Mandates as it did not have jurisdiction.