ATLANTIC COUNTY MAYORS, ASSOCIATION Lisa Jiampetti, President

May 22, 2019

Dear Assemblymen Vince Mazzeo and John Armato,

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Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely

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Atlantic County Mayors' Association

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Dennis Levinson, County Executive

Amy L. Gatto, Chairwoman, Atlantic County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

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County of Atlantic, New Jersey



Resolution No.: 319

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Atlantic by unanimous vote of the Freeholders present at its regular meeting of May 21, 2019, requests that Assemblyman Mazzeo and the NJ State Assembly table A546 on Thursday, May 23, 2019 or hold it from any further vote until such time as the costs can be ascertained and discussions with Assemblyman Mazzeo and the Board of Freeholders of Atlantic County and its County-Wide Tax Assessment Committee can be continued based hereon; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be immediately delivered to Assemblyman Vincent Mazzeo, the NJ State Assembly, the Atlantic County Mayors Association and other interested parties.