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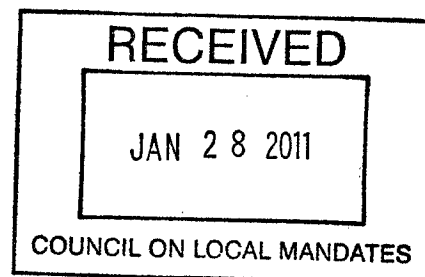
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Shawn D. Slaughter
Executive Administrator & Coordinator
State of NJ Council on Local Mandates
135 West Hanover Street
PO Box 627
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RE: Complaint Filed by the Township of Blairstown (12-10)

Dear Mr. Slaughter:

As I indicated during our telephone conversation on this date, I will be out of the country on a long planned vacation from tomorrow through February 6th. Further, I am scheduled to undergo medical testing at Hunterdon Medical Center in Flemington, NJ on February 7th and further testing on February 9th at Sloan Kettering in New York City.

The aforementioned commitments interfere with my ability to file a brief in opposition to the State's motion to dismiss on or before February 11th as presently scheduled. I am therefore respectfully requesting that the time to file Blairstown Township's brief in opposition be extended for 14 business days. Assistant Attorney General Robert Lougy, Esq., attorney for the State, has graciously consented to this adjournment.

Since I will be out of the country, I am requesting that you advise Kevin Benbrook, Esq. of Counsel's decision on this requested adjournment. His fax number is 908-735-0384 and his email is kbenbrook@benbrooklaw.com.

Sincerely,


Robert J. Benbrook, Esq.
Benbrook & Benbrook, LLC

cc: Kevin Benbrook, Esq.
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