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William G. Dressel, Jr., Executive Director
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Dear Bill:

Unfortunately, a long-standing family event in Chicago will prevent me from attending the League's 100th anniversary celebration on May 7. As I see it, this celebration is going to be nothing less than a heartfelt tribute to you from all of New Jersey.

It is difficult to imagine the New Jersey League of Municipalities without Bill Dressel as Executive Director. You are the personification of the character, integrity and dedication of the hundreds of municipal officials serving this great state. Your principled leadership has brought the League into its prominent position of influence over government at all levels.

As a former legislator, I know how hard you have worked - - and are still working - - to fight the problems of high property taxes, government inefficiencies, crumbling infrastructure and the myriad other concerns facing elected officials in our state and its 565 municipalities.

I am confident that, in the future, the League of Municipalities will continue to emulate the model of excellence established by Bill Dressel as the premier advocate for and defender of local government. In your retirement, don't stray too far because your wisdom and energy will always be of great value to New Jersey citizens.

Best personal regards to you and Iris in the days ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill".