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Mr. Bill Dressel
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Dear Bill:

Congratulations on your retirement after 41 years of dedicated service to the New Jersey State League of Municipalities. Please allow me to extend my sincere gratitude on your leadership and service to the people of New Jersey.

As the Executive Director of the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, you have been a longtime voice for local governments within the State House. You have tackled issues with the fundamental goal of empowering 565 municipalities to better serve their residents. I know you are particularly proud of the League's successful effort to pass the "State Pay for State Mandates" constitutional amendment. That successful amendment prohibited the state government from imposing unfunded mandates on local communities thereby achieving more local autonomy.

While local governments are losing a tremendous advocate, you have created a legacy that will be modeled for years to come. I am proud to have had the opportunity to work with, and befriend, such an impressive leader who fought tirelessly on the behalf so many New Jersey residents and their communities. Please know that as your United States Senator, I will continue to advocate for New Jerseyans and our municipalities at the federal level as you have done for so many years.

I am pleased to join the people of New Jersey in celebrating the momentous occasion of your retirement. I wish you many happy years of retirement and continued success within the community. Once again, congratulations, and best wishes in all of your future endeavors.

Sincerely,



ROBERT MENENDEZ
United States Senator