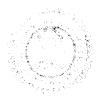
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May 31, 2011

Mr. John Paff, Chairman New Jersey Libertarian Party Preempted Ordinance Repeal Project P.O. Box 5424 Somerset, NJ 08875-5424

RE: Maplewood Preempted Ordinance - Chapter 110-1A

Dear Mr. Paff:

Thank you for you letter of inquiry dated May 25, 2011. As stated in your letter, the above cited ordinance is both repealed and preempted.

Mr. White's matter was referred to the Hon. Stanley M. Varon, J.M.C. After review, he has issued an order vacating the plea of guilty. Mr. White's payments will be returned to him and the complaint will be vacated and removed from the automated and manual systems.

While the court makes every effort to prevent errors of this nature, it unfortunately failed to do so in this instance. I agree with you, as does the Maplewood court, that safeguards must be in place to prevent processing of complaints with repealed or preempted statutes and ordinances.

Maplewood Court Administrator Ryan Bancroft will review procedures and reinstruct staff as to the proper management of invalid complaints. He will also review his caseload for any other errors of this nature. He and Judge Varon will meet with the Chief of Police and assure that appropriate directives are promulgated within the department and that officers have up-to-date township ordinance references available.

The New Jersey judiciary always strives for excellence and as such we regret the error of the Maplewood Municipal Court. I trust that you will find this response satisfactory. Should you have any further inquiries, feel free to contact me.

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C: Hon. Stanley M. Varon, J.M.C. Alfred R. Restaino, M.D.M. Ryan Bancroft, M.C.A.