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NJAC COMMENDS GOVERNOR AND SENATE PRESIDENT FOR EFFORTS TO CONTROL PROPERTY TAXES

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(Trenton) The New Jersey Association of Counties (NJAC) commends Governor Chris Christie and Senate President Steve Sweeney for their leadership in collaborating on legislation that would extend the 2% cap on binding interest arbitration awards through December 31, 2017.

“Extending the 2010 law that imposed a 2% cap on binding interest arbitration awards will permit county and municipal governments throughout the State to effectively manage public safety employee salaries and personnel costs saving valuable taxpayer dollars,” said NJAC President and Monmouth County Clerk Claire French.

Earlier today, the Senate voted 33-1 to concur with Governor Chris Christie’s conditional veto of legislation that would extend the 2% cap. As has been well documented, local governing bodies dedicate a substantial portion of their annual operating budgets for employee salaries, wages, health benefits and other personnel costs; and, face a restrictive 2% cap on the amount in which they may raise local property taxes. NJAC is advocating for members of the General Assembly to concur with the Governor’s conditional veto before the April 1st deadline.

“In light of the fiscal pressures imposed by the property tax levy cap, a declining ratable base, and unfunded State mandates, failure to extend the 2% cap on interest arbitration awards will force county and municipal governments to further reduce or even eliminate essential services, critical personnel, and long overdue infrastructure improvement projects,” commented French.

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form of government in the State with a unified and proactive voice, NJAC is dedicated to advancing innovative programs and initiatives that enhance the level of service provided and save valuable taxpayer dollars. Please visit our website at [HYPERLINK "http://www.njac.org/"](http://www.njac.org/) www.njac.org for additional details about our growing organization.