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April 2, 1981

TO: Governor Edward J. King
General Court of the Commonwealth
Middlesex County Commissioners
Middlesex County Advisory Board
Middlesex County Selectmen and Mayors
Senator Chester Atkins
Representative Walter Bickford

The Littleton Board of Selectmen unanimously support the four resolutions adopted by the Middlesex County Selectmen's Association on February 25, 1981. These resolutions outlined below simply support reasonable business practice given our collective sensitivities and willingness to return to a sane system of fiscal responsibility within Massachusetts.

We, in Littleton, have worked aggressively over the past several years to strike a balance between local tax burden and the town services provided. With that objective in mind all Littleton Town Boards have proven over and over that they can successfully manage their budgets in the face of the wide variety of difficult situations we have seen in the last decade. We, in preparing our FY 82 budgets, have continued in the spirit of exercising fiscal responsibility while providing the necessary services to our community. We expect and demand the same sense of responsibility from both the County and State governments. The resolutions we support spring from this expectation.

We support the following:

1. Local highway improvements should be funded up-front to improve local community cash flow.
2. Reduce County spending by 3% to lower FY81 Spring Assessment to offset auto excise tax shortfalls.
3. Reduce FY82's County Assessment by 15% to allow Middlesex communities to meet the constraints imposed by proposition 2 1/2.
4. Withhold payment of this Spring's County Assessment until annual reports for fiscal years 1979 and 1980 are received.

Although we are fully aware of the implications of item 4 above, we intend to withhold the Spring County Assessment until the reports are received.

Very truly yours,
LITTLETON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

KENNETH J. ADAM, Chairman
BRUCE L. BAYUK
HARVEY W. ATKINS, Clerk

Kenneth J. Adam
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cc: Jeanne Kangas
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Richard Kelliher, MSA

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Comm. from Kenneth J. Adam, Chairman Littleton Board of Selectmen, relative to resolutions adopted supporting reasonable business practice given to return to a sane system of fiscal responsibility in Mass.

In City Council,

May 4, 1981

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