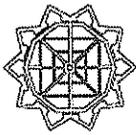


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July 13, 2011

Charles Cristello  
Town Manager  
10 Nickerson Avenue  
Middleborough, MA 02346

Dear Town Manager Cristello,

Enclosed with this letter is the invoice for the Town of Middleborough's membership in the Massachusetts Municipal Association for fiscal year 2012, which began on July 1, 2011.

Your membership in the MMA ensures that cities and towns in Massachusetts have a clear and effective voice fighting for you when municipal issues are being debated on Beacon Hill and in Washington. With your membership for fiscal 2012, the MMA will keep you up to date on key legislative and regulatory activities at the state and federal levels. As an MMA member, you will stay connected to a diverse array of meetings, workshops and professional development activities, and to the special services offered to our member cities and towns.

The MMA has frozen dues for next year, and we note that in seven of the past ten years the MMA has had no dues adjustment at all, reflecting our commitment to provide high quality services at very low cost.

The past year has been extraordinarily challenging for local government, and the value of your membership in the MMA has never been clearer. Working tirelessly with local officials, we have leveraged the strength of cities and towns to engage with the Governor, legislators and state officials on every key issue. The MMA has been successful in protecting millions for cities and towns, although the road to a full fiscal recovery is still a long one.

Since the beginning of the greatest economic recession in eighty years, the MMA has won a number of important victories. This year, the MMA's advocacy efforts have delivered true reform and results:

- The MMA led the fight and **won municipal health insurance reform**, passing a powerful reform law to give town and city leaders plan design authority. The Legislature passed the final version this week, and the Governor signed it into law on July 12;
- The MMA led the fight and won an increase in **Chapter 90 funding for local roads, boosting the program to a record \$200 million for fiscal 2012**, and is continuing its efforts to permanently increase the program to \$300 million a year;
- The MMA led the fight and won an **\$80 million increase in state funding for the Special Education Circuit Breaker program**, which will bring state funding much closer to the statutory level, and will benefit every city, town and school district; and
- In addition to these major victories, the MMA secured a provision in the final version of the state budget that will **provide \$65 million in one-time supplemental local aid to all communities** this fall, directing a portion of the state's end-of-the-year fiscal 2011 surplus back to cities and towns!

The Association's effectiveness has been clear in recent years, too. The MMA has won passage of the **first-ever local option meals tax**; won the first **increase in the local hotel-motel tax** in over 20 years; **closed the century-old telecom tax loophole** on poles and wires; **defeated the union-backed plan to impose binding arbitration** on cities and towns in the area of health insurance; and during the past several years, **the MMA has protected local aid from deeper-than-expected cuts** in the final versions of the state budget.

Massachusetts Municipal Association

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# Invoice

Date	Invoice #
7/1/2011	MMA 16481

Bill To
Town of Middleborough 10 Nickerson Ave. Middleborough, MA 02346

P.O. No	Terms	Tax Exempt No	Attendee	
Qty	Item	Description	Rate	Amount
	Annual Dues	Annual Dues 7/1/11-6/30/12	2,631.00	2,631.00
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,631.00</b>