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A Brief Explanation of Your Tax Bill

Dear Friend and Taxpayer,

I hope this note finds you well. The Commissioners and I have been working diligently to reduce costs by both eliminating and not filling municipal employee positions that we feel are not absolutely necessary. This practice has helped to achieve the abolishment of several hundred positions during my service as Mayor.

Periodically, I have updated you on these fiscal achievements, such as the reduction of various ranks in the police department, while putting additional officers on the street for your safety. My administration has been successful in securing grants for new parks, new streets and schools, which are not paid for by the city.

We have worked to keep this tax bill to a minimum increase of 2.3%, while securing millions in state aid to offset a significant increase.

This will be the only increase that you will receive between now and July of 2014. I dislike increases of any amount, but as a result of the costs related to mandatory health benefits for employees and the expense of North Hudson Regional Fire and Rescue, we are left without choice. Often, cost-drivers such as the mentioned items, are not governed by our administration. I'm sure that when you compare the increases in surrounding municipalities, you'll find that our increase is relatively small.

Please feel free to call me with any questions, complaints, comments or suggestions. We will continue to make our city even greater and reduce costs, whenever possible.

I love our city and will do everything in my power to improve our community – seven days a week.

Sincerely,


Brian P. Stack
Mayor

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