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TO: Hon. Jon S. Corzine

FROM: Mayor P. Ted Husa

REF: In Support of Preserving the Kirkbride Building at Greystone Park

DATE: December 14, 2008

Dear Governor Corzine,

I am very much in favor of supporting existing legislation that would preserve the State lands at Greystone Park for land conservancy, for open space, for recreational purposes and for historical purposes. I write on behalf of 17,000 Denville residents that to do otherwise would be a breach of the public trust.

The State Lands at Greystone Park are less than a mile from Denville. This close proximity allows us to consider it feasible to share recreational fields with Parsippany or Morris County where those potential recreational fields lie. Denville is in urgent need of more recreational fields as our population increases and sporting opportunities for our youth increase. We firmly believe we raise our youth to stay out of trouble and be productive citizens as far as we provide opportunities for their activities. We are currently quantifying our rising needs. Recreational fields at Greystone would represent an important shared opportunity for Denville as well as other towns in Morris County.

More importantly I write to you about the absolute urgency of preserving the historic Kirkbride building that stands on those grounds. The historic significance of this 150-year old building cannot be overstated to Morris County and the region. To preserve the building is an opportunity that if lost by this generation of politicians by shortsightedness will always and forever be regretted. Demolishing this building is simple not an option.

I am currently working together with a group of interested individuals to form a steering committee to investigate all the possibilities of fundraising, preservation and future use of this wonderful historic facility. I humbly ask on behalf of the thousands of people interested in preserving the Kirkbride building that you postpone any plans to auction it until Morris County realizes what a great historic loss this would be and until the various parties interested in preservation can sufficiently organize to handle the logistics of the task.

Sincerely,

P. Ted Husa

c.c.: Township Council
Local Legislative Representatives
Neighboring Mayors