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### **Via Electronic Mail**

The Honorable Paul Sarlo  
496 Columbia Boulevard  
Wood-Ridge, New Jersey 07075

The Honorable Clinton Calabrese  
613 Bergen Boulevard  
Ridgefield, New Jersey 07657

Re: S2346 (Sarlo)/A3919 (Calabrese) – Extends certain permits during COVID-19 emergency

Dear Senator Sarlo and Assemblyman Calabrese:

We thank you for your continued leadership during this pandemic. On behalf of the New Jersey State Bar Association (NJSBA), we thank you for addressing the extension of permits under the Municipal Land Use Law in S2346 (Sarlo)/A3919 (Calabrese). The association generally supports this bill with the following amendments in order to ensure a definitive quantifiable period of time that is not contingent upon the lifting of the emergency declaration.

Specifically, rather than generally extending the time for decisions on planning board applications by a timeframe that is dependent on the rescission of the public health state of emergency, the NJSBA recommends a definitive 60-day extension for decisions (to 180 days) after the application is deemed complete. In addition, the NJSBA recommends enumerating with certainty the extension of deadlines to grant or deny applications pursuant to the “Municipal Land Use Law” by 150%. An amended version of this bill is attached to this correspondence for your consideration.

These amendments seek to balance the government’s need for additional time to act under the circumstances with an applicant’s need for a reliable, more certain decisional timeframe on proposals. The changes were considered by attorneys who practice on behalf of the applicants, objectors and local governments and therefore it has been considered from all aspects

of practice.

We thank you for your consideration and look forward to hearing from you. Should you need any additional information, please contact us as remain available to advise in any way.

Very truly yours,



Evelyn Padin  
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