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Senator Cory Booker
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RE: S.1802

Dear Senator Booker:

As you know, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) made significant changes in 2014 to money market mutual funds that will seriously impair our ability to both manage our cash reserves and obtain low-cost financing for important priorities such as schools, hospitals, public transportation and infrastructure projects. As a former Mayor, you understand the financial challenges New Jersey counties and municipalities face and why it is critical that we have access to simple, efficient and low-cost professional cash management.

Money market funds are a critical cash management tool for us, whether we use the New Jersey Asset & Rebate Management Program or other similar pools offered through banks or other providers. Many New Jersey local units also use the State's Cash Management Fund, a Local Government Investment Pool that while unregulated by the SEC, is subject to the GASB rules and the new SEC regulations will have an adverse impact on these funds as well.

Money market funds are the largest purchasers of short-term municipal debt and provide more than two-thirds of the short-term funding for vital local projects and services. The SEC's changes requiring prime and municipal money market funds to maintain a fluctuating share price, while not affecting government funds, endanger the ability to form and run viable Local Government Investment pools and will negatively impact the capital markets leading to higher borrowing costs. As a result of the SEC's changes, the Wall Street Journal recently published an article about how institutional money is flowing out of prime funds and into Government funds, and that the increase in demand for U.S. government securities will continue to depress the yield of those securities for other investors, including state and local governments. The SEC's changes are a disproportionate reaction to the risk it is trying to prevent, conditions that might only exist in the face of a future fiscal crisis.

By making it more expensive and difficult to meet short-term borrowing costs, the SEC's changes place additional stress on county, municipal, and local authority budgets. State and local government investors met with the SEC Commissioners, wrote comment letters, and testified at Congressional hearings in opposition to the fluctuating share price. Still, the SEC acted to draw an arbitrary distinction between "retail" and "institutional" investors.

Given the strong opposition by investors, state and local governments, and Members of Congress, I urge you to consider supporting and co-sponsoring S.1802 which would establish the "Consumer Financial Choice and Capital Markets Protection Act of 2015". This will preserve the daily liquidity and stable \$1 net asset value share price for investors and eliminate the requirement to charge penalty and early redemption fees for pre-mature withdrawal of funds to meet liquidity needs of the local unit.

Sincerely,

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Abraham Antun