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# Press Release

## **Hammonton Democrats urge Mayor and Council for “Green” improvements**

### **New law helps public buildings go green**

**Hammonton, NJ, January 22, 2009:** In the spirit of political cooperation the Hammonton Democrats today forwarded to Mayor and Council and the Hammonton School Board information on new legislation that was passed on Wednesday, January 21, 2009. Assembly Bill No. 1185 establishes procedures for guaranteed energy savings contracts by governmental entities. In a statement, Gov. Jon Corzine said “Towns, schools, counties and public colleges can now become more energy efficient and save money when they retrofit their buildings and enter into long-term energy contracts with no additional costs.” The Energy Savings Investment Program allows the energy companies to front the money for the work and the public entity would pay the debt over time through the savings. This legislation enables Hammonton Town Council and the Hammonton School Board to implement cost saving, energy saving technology into our facilities at no cost to the Hammonton taxpayers.

The Hammonton Democrats would like to work together with the Council, school board, environmental commission, and green committee to investigate and quickly act on this legislation. Mayor and Council have already shown a commitment to green projects and with this new opportunity we can accelerate the implementation of these technologies in our town. The school board may be able to garner funding to bring down the cost of the current \$13.7 million project at the WES Elementary school. We encourage a joint meeting of these entities to go over and fully understand the impact of this legislation so that we do not miss any possibility of bringing savings to the taxpayers of Hammonton while reducing our impact on the environment.

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