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Mayor Scott Bauman
Franklin Township Municipal Building
202 Sidney Road
Pittstown, NJ 08867

Dear Mayor Bauman,

On Thursday May 26, 2011, I was physically assaulted by Franklin Township Public Safety Director Mr. Ken Mandoli. The incident occurred during a township meeting after I had publicly questioned Mr. Mandoli's involvement in a PERC report. I am attending this week's Township Committee meeting and anticipate discussing Mr. Mandoli publicly. I believe that Mr. Mandoli is a threat to my safety and I am requesting that proper security be available to guarantee my safety and the safety of others at the meeting.

I find that Franklin Township was neglect in providing adequate security at the May 26, 2011 meeting that resulted in the physical assault I received from Mr. Mandoli. The PERC report identifies Mr. Mandoli as committing illegal activity and one can argue that the Township Committee was aware of Mr. Mandoli's criminal activity and has never properly responded to this threat to the public. This inadequate response can be further argued has created preexisting conditions which lead to my physical assault. One can also argue that the Township Committee was grossly negligent in their duties to provide a safe environment to residents who attend Township Meetings.

Mr. Mandoli is in charge of our police department. This creates a conflict of interest that I feel puts our honest police officers in a compromised position. I request that Franklin Township hire a minimum of one New Jersey State Trooper to provide security for the June 9, 2011 meeting.

I have attached a copy of the incident report filed at the Franklin Township Police Department.

Thank you,



Martin Bercaw