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County of Knox
Board of Commissioners
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Dear Commissioners,

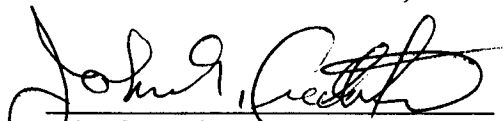
The Warren Board of Selectmen is strongly opposed to the adoption of the recommendation of the Law Enforcement Funding Task Force to provide a credit of 25% (or any other amount) of the allocation of the Sheriff's Department budget to the municipalities of Camden, Rockport, Rockland, and Thomaston. We are also opposed to any other approach that resembles a fee for traditional county services.

We feel that the implementation of this recommendation would open a can of worms for developing fees (or credits) for services in the other parts of the county budget (i.e. percentage of jail use by town or percentage of airport use by town). Traditional county services should be funded in the traditional way. Let's not get into a complicated and divisive funding change for county government.

The funding and use of county services balances out in the long run. While some towns may use a larger portion of the Sheriff's Department patrol services, they probably use a smaller portion of the airport services than the tax paying businesses in the Camden/Rockland area of the county.

The Warren Board of Selectmen also feels that a legal opinion from the State Attorney General's Office would be advisable before this type of funding change is considered further.

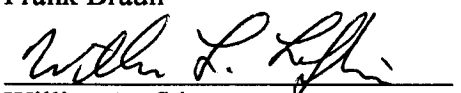
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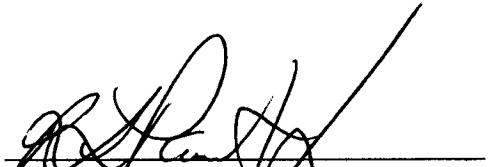
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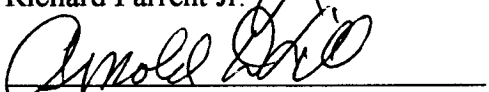
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