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**Proposed Generator Mandate will hurt small businesses;**

*The proposal is well intentioned, but will burden gas station owners;  
Storm damage to refineries and terminals limited gas supply available to consumers;  
Generator mandate would not, and will not in the future, prevent future gas lines*

Sal Risalvato, Executive Director of the New Jersey Gasoline, Convenience, Automotive Association (**NJGCA**), released the following statement today regarding a generator mandate ordinance being discussed by the Teaneck Town Council:

"As we approach the one-year anniversary of Superstorm Sandy, I know that there are countless people in New Jersey who are still deeply affected by the chaos and suffering that Sandy inflicted upon the residents of our great State. Directly after the hurricane's passing, many legislators and state officials vowed to enact new regulations to ensure that we would be prepared should we experience another catastrophic storm. One such proposal is a mandate that all gas stations install back-up generators. While I appreciate and understand the responsibility of elected officials to protect their constituents, it is the responsibility of my organization to educate and inform the public and our lawmakers about the specific set of circumstances causing the gas lines in the aftermath of the storm and how a generator mandate would not have solved the problem," Risalvato said.

"We are grateful to Mayor Mohammed Hameeduddin for his willingness to engage in a conversation with our organization about the ordinance that his Council is considering. We believe that the Mayor and the Council are sincere in their concern for both citizens and businesses in Teaneck. We will continue to move forward in our discussions with

elected officials in Teaneck by presenting evidence to prove that a generator mandate would not only impose an unbearable cost on these small businesses, but it would not have reduced gas lines, since the majority of gas stations experienced supply and delivery issues, not power outages," stated Risalvato.

Risalvato added, "PSE&G coordinated their efforts with my association and officials in Governor Christie's office to prioritize the restoration of electric power to gas stations. They worked tirelessly and their efforts enabled most gas stations to have their electricity turned on in several days. Unfortunately, many of the gas stations that had their electric power restored quickly ran out of product and were unable to receive a gasoline tanker delivery for a week. Even if every gas station in the state had a generator installed before Hurricane Sandy hit our shores, we still would have experienced long gas lines."

Risalvato concluded, "I would again like to thank the Mayor and the Town Council for agreeing to table a vote on this ordinance until we can present more information for their review. This spirit of cooperation will undoubtedly result in the best possible outcome for all of Teaneck's residents and small-business owners, and we are grateful for the opportunity to work together with the Mayor and the Town Council on this issue."

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