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From: Brubaker, Paul (Menendez)
Sent: Thur 4/10/2014 5:13:15 PM
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Thank you, Chris.

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Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2014 12:17 PM Eastern Standard Time
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Fully understood, and I am working to achieve that for this afternoon – will advise asap.

From: Brubaker, Paul (Menendez) [mailto:Paul_Brubaker@menendez.senate.gov]
Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2014 12:08 PM
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Chris,

To follow up our conversation earlier, we are at a peculiar and unusual disadvantage with the briefing on the EPA's recommendations for the Lower Passaic River cleanup being scheduled for tomorrow morning. While I recognize that Administrator Enck and Senator Menendez spoke last night, he does not have the full benefit of time to fully appreciate the details of the EPA's proposal nor does he have the benefit of his staff's review and advice.

As Sen. Menendez has committed himself to participating in tomorrow's presser, and as his presence could convey an implied endorsement of the EPA's recommendations, it is only right that your office give the Senator's staff and the staffs of other participating elected officials ample time to review the proposal, identify any points of concern, highlight the proposal's strengths, and analyze the proposal with regard to the hard work the electeds and EPA officials have accomplished to bring us to where we are today.

A briefing today will achieve all these of these ends, as well as solidifying the best possible relationship among our teams as we continue toward our common goal of restoring the Passaic.

Confidentiality will be assured until the press conference tomorrow.

We look forward to your responding to us as soon as possible.

Paul Brubaker

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