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**December 14, 2015** 

Honorable Daniel F. Sahin, J.M.C. **Jackson Township Municipal Court** 102 Jackson Drive Jackson, New Jersey 08527

State of New Jersey v. Elias Agredo-Narveaz

Summons Nos.: D-162083

Letter Brief in Opposition to Defendant's Motion

Dear Judge Sahin:

Please accept this letter brief in lieu of a more formal brief in opposition to Elias

Agredo-Narveaz's (hereinafter "Defendant") Motion to Dismiss. For the reasons set forth

herein, N.J.S.A. 39:3-4 constitutionally applies to all individuals travelling upon public Rebuttal: TITLE 39:3 3 39:3-10.10 PURPOSE, PUTPOSE OF the ACT highways in New Jersey. Further, municipal courts are the appropriate authority to hear

alleged violations of Title 39. Accordingly, Defendant's Motion should be denied and heard on the merits.

It is also important to note that, to the extent Defendant requests items related to authority of this municipal court, such items are not subject to production in discovery by this be certified under Penalty of Perjury, Demand that and also by the supreme cougt.

Rebottal: See Title 18 PART 1. Chapter 2, Definitions (a)

the State. Defendant's claims are <u>legal</u> arguments, not factual one's that are the subject of documents.

## **LEGAL ARGUMENT**

THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH WITHIN N.J.S.A. 39:3-4
CONSTITUTIONALLY APPLIES TO ALL INDIVIDUALS USING NEW JERSEY
ROADWAYS AND IS NOT A DIRECT AND MATERIAL BURDEN ON INTERSTATE
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The United States Congress exercises power over interstate commerce only through legislation, which measures the scope of the exercise of such power. However, when and "[u]ntil a particular aspect in the field of interstate commerce has been regulated by congressional enactment, the States are free to exercise their police and other governmental powers therein." State of N.J. v. United States, 168 F. Supp. 324, 331 (D.N.J. 1958) (citing Port Richmond & Bergen Point Ferry Co. v. Board of Chosen Freeholders of Hudson County, 234 U.S. 317 (1914); State of Colorado v. United States, 271 U.S. 153 (1926).

In the absence of national legislation, a state may rightfully prescribe uniform regulations necessary for public safety and order in respect to the operation upon its highways of all motor vehicles, those moving in interstate commerce as well as others. And to this end it may require the registration of such vehicles and the licensing of their drivers, charging therefor reasonable fees graduated according to the horse-power of the ZR engines,-a practical measure of size, speed, and difficulty of control. This to the states and essential to the preservation of the health, safety, and comfort of their citizens; and it does not constitute a direct and material burden on interstate commerce. The reasonableness of the state's action  $\hat{\gamma}$ is always subject to inquiry in so far as it affects interstate commerce, and in that regard it is likewise subordinate to the will of Congress. Barbier v. Connolly, 113 U. S. 27, 30, 31; Lawton v. Steele, 152 U. S. 133, 136; New York, N. H. & H. R. Co. v. New York, 165 U. S. 628, 631; Holden v. Hardy, 169 U. S. 366, 392; Lake Shore & M. S. R. Co. v. Ohio, 173 U. S. 285, 298; Chicago, B. & Q. R. Co. v. McGuire, 219 U. S. 549, 568; Atlantic Coast Line R. Co. v. Georgia, 234 U. S. 280, 291.

Hedrick v. State of Maryland, 235 U.S. 610, 622-23 (1915)

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Hereby dicial The United States Constitution provides that "[t]he judicial Power of the United States, shall be vested in one supreme Court, and in such inferior Courts as the Congress may from time to time ordain and establish. U.S. Const. art. III, § 1. Creation of a state's court system was left to each state. U.S. Const. amend. X ("The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.").

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The New Jersey Constitution provides, that "[t]he judicial power shall be vested in a Supreme Court, a Superior Court, and other courts of limited jurisdiction. The other courts and their jurisdiction may from time to time be established, altered or abolished by law." N.J. Const. art. VI, § 1. New Jersey law requires "[e]very municipality shall establish a municipal court." N.J.S.A. 2B:12-1.1 In accordance with state law, Jackson Township established a Municipal Court as of January 1, 1949. § 3-137 et seq. Jackson Township Municipal Court has jurisdiction to hear Title 39 violations occurring within Jackson Township. See N.J.S.A. 2B:12-17b ("A municipal court has jurisdiction over the following cases within the territorial jurisdiction of the court . . . b. Violations of the motor vehicle and traffic laws."); also see N.J.S.A. 39:5-3(c) ("All proceedings shall be brought before a judge having jurisdiction in the municipality in which it is alleged that the violation [of Title 39] occurred...").

The present matter presented before Jackson Township Municipal Court is a properly presented as this Court is a one of limited jurisdiction to hear this matter. The matter cannot be presented before the United States District Courts because the matter does not address matters of federal law or federal questions. The 10th Amendment cited above established that should if no federal issues be presented, the power to hear said matters is reserved to the State.

The New Jersey Constitution provided courts of limited jurisdiction can be created by law to hear specific matters. The New Jersey legislature followed this

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> It is important to note a municipality may agree, by ordinance or resolution, to enter into an agreement with another municipality to establish a single joint municipal court and providing for it administration. Should a municipality not have its own municipal court or entered into an agreement for a joint municipal court, the Assignment Judge of the vicinage shall order violations to be heard in any other municipal court within the same county until a court or joint agreement is made.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Section 3-137 provides that "[t]he Municipal Court of the Township heretofore established as of January 1, 1949 in accordance with applicable law (now N.J.S.A. 2B:12-1 et seq), is hereby continued.

have the force of LAW. Your statute is nothing but Private law of which there is no froof that The defendant has agreed to abide by,

principle and established, by statute, the requirement for each municipality to create municipal courts. Jackson Township thereafter created, by ordinance, the Municipal Court of Jackson Township, which is, by statute, designated to hear violation of Title 39. Accordingly, Defendant's alleged violation of N.J.S.A. 39:3-4 may be heard in this Court.

## CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated herein, Defendant's Motion should be denied and this matter must be heard on the merits. The registration requirements set forth in N.J.S.A. 39:3-4 constitutionally applies to all individuals travelling upon public highways in New Jersey. Further, Jackson Township Municipal is an appropriate court of limited jurisdiction to hear this motor vehicle violation occurring within Jackson Township.

Respectfully submitted,

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