

Association of Environmental Authorities

HOW TO ANSWER  
AUTHORITY CRITICS:

What Do You Say When Asked Why  
An Authority Is Important and  
Necessary?

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# GOVERNOR CHRISTIE EXECUTIVE ORDER 15

## State Authorities Only:

- No Lobbyists
- No Travel by Authority Board Member or Employee "...in excess of \$250.00"
- No Financial Incentive for  
Early Termination



# Senate Resolution No. 41

Senator Loretta Weinberg

Sense of the Senate to URGE members of State AND Local Authorities to waive 3 months of salary or per diem payment

AND

Urges reimbursement of any payments already made to a State administered retirement system



# The Case For Authorities



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# Point I

The services provided by Authorities are essential to achieve public health and environmental goals.



# Point II

Authorities are able to focus attention and expertise on a complex task.



# Point III

Authorities provide the most cost effective and efficient way to finance system maintenance and improvements.



# Point IV

Authorities are insulated  
(somewhat) from the  
distraction of shifting political  
landscapes.



# Point V

Capital costs raised by  
Authorities do not deplete the  
borrowing capacity of the  
municipality.



# Point VI

Not all of the funds held by Authorities are available for use by the municipality.



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