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Mr. Council President and Town Councilors:

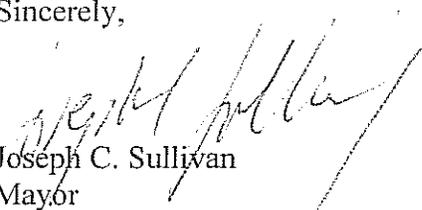
As you are aware, due to the economic conditions, nationally and in our Commonwealth, the local aid (state assistance) to the Town of Braintree is currently scheduled to be reduced by \$2.4 million for fiscal year 2010. In order to offset this reduction, my administration has taken a comprehensive review of all departments and has taken actions to ensure that this operating budget continues the progress that we began last year in building a better operating model of governance for Braintree.

I look forward to being with you on Tuesday, May 5th, evening to publicly present this document and discuss the specific steps that are in this proposed budget to properly position our town during this difficult economic period and to offer direction in the days ahead.

In closing, it is with confidence, pride and commitment, that I present to you my proposed budget for fiscal year 2010. The confidence is founded on the realistic estimates and reliable revenue sources used to fund the budget. Moreover, I take pride in the willingness of many of our town employees to make wage and benefit concessions to provide job security to their co-workers and savings to our town. Finally, this budget is further testament to the commitment of my administration to continue to work to reform our government and ensure that the high quality of services our residents rightfully expect is sustainable for years to come.

Your assistance and partnership in implementing our new government over the past year is gratefully acknowledged and appreciated.

Sincerely,



Joseph C. Sullivan
Mayor