



January 25, 2022

Honorable Governor J.B. Pritzker
Office of the Governor
James R. Thompson Center
100 West Randolph, 16-100
Chicago, Illinois 60601

Dear Governor Pritzker,

The undersigned representatives of municipal and county leaders from throughout the state respectfully request your support of the restoration of the municipal share of state income taxes deposited in the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF). Legislation making this change has been introduced as HB 4169, sponsored by Representative DeLuca, and SB 3010, sponsored by Senators Murphy and DeWitte, and both bills have gained bipartisan support from legislators who have signed on as co-sponsors. We are committed to seeing this legislation passed and respectfully request your support.

Our members reluctantly dealt with reductions in LGDF and changes to the revenue-sharing formula, previously made in tandem with income tax increases that effectively froze LGDF, as a shared sacrifice during difficult economic times. We believe our members stood with the state when asked. Those times have passed. The state is realizing economic recovery that must be shared. Restoration of LGDF to 8% with automatic appropriations not only moves toward a return to the long-standing status quo of 10%, but it may also help communities address public safety pension funding, compliance with SAFE-T Act requirements, and other mandates while potentially tempering reliance upon the property tax.

We ask for your commitment to support HB 4169 and SB 3010 to increase LGDF to 8 percent with the automatic appropriation of these funds.

Please feel welcome to contact Brad Cole, Executive Director of the Illinois Municipal League, at (217) 525-1220 or bcole@iml.org, or Suzette Quintell, Executive Director of the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference, at (630) 576-9134 or squintell@dmmc-cog.org, with any questions or if additional information is needed. Thank you for your attention to our request.

Sincerely,

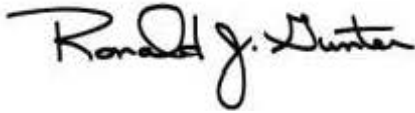
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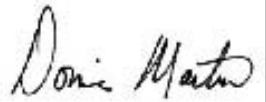
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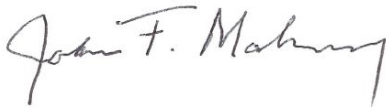
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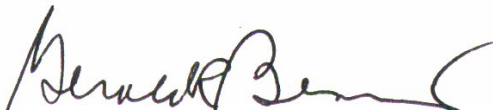
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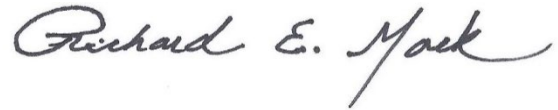
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