

Illinois State Association of Counties

June 12, 2021

The Honorable JB Pritzker Governor State of Illinois 207 State House Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Governor Pritzker:

I write to respectfully request that you sign Senate Bill 1697 into law.

The bill exempts specific revenue sources distributed by the State to local governments from the requirements of the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA). Specifically, revenues associated with the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF), Personal Property Replacement Tax (PPRT), Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) and the Transportation Renewal Fund (TRF).

As you are aware, state shared local revenue dollars are already subject to an oversight process even without GATA. Adding redundant layers of oversight frustrates the efficient use of staff time and resources at the local level. Eliminating unnecessary duplication creates efficiencies and benefits local governments and their taxpayers.

Once again, I respectfully request that you sign Senate Bill 1697 into law. Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Please feel welcome to contact me at (217) 679-3368 or by email at imccoy@isacoil.org whenever I can be of service. Thanks.

Respectfully,

Joe McCoy

Executive Director

Cc: The Honorable Scott M. Bennett, State Senator
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