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Honorable Angela Witwer  
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Appropriation Chairs Anthony and Witwer,

On behalf of the Municipal Caucus, a bipartisan group of State Representatives and Senators from city and village leadership, we are writing to express our support for establishing a Revenue Sharing Trust Fund and have the distribution of resources reflected in this year's final budget agreement.

There are three key components to the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund:

1. Create a Revenue Sharing Trust Fund and dedicate 8% of the 4% sales tax to statutory revenue sharing.
2. Within the Trust Fund, create a new funding category that would restore payments to 1091 townships and 44 villages currently not receiving statutory revenue sharing at a rate of \$2.65 per person.
3. Distribute the remaining balance to cities, villages, townships, and counties currently receiving statutory revenue sharing payments in the same proportion as the FY22/23 budget.

Ensuring we have great places to live, work, and play is crucial to our economic success. Legislation sponsored by Senators Moss, Klinefelt, and Webber and Representatives O'Neal and Tisdell would create the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund and identify a sustainable funding source. Enacting this policy would be a significant step forward in preserving resources for local units of government to provide services, invest in infrastructure, improve quality of life, and attract talent and business.

This effort is also supported by the Michigan Municipal League, the Michigan Townships Association, and the Michigan Association of Counties.

We hope you will support our effort to create a Revenue Sharing Trust Fund and have that reflected in the final budget agreement.

Sincerely,

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