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Dear Members of the Michigan House Delegation,

On behalf of Michigan's 83 counties, we urge you to support the bipartisan State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Fiscal Recovery, Infrastructure, and Disaster Relief Flexibility Act, which would provide additional flexibility for the \$350 billion Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (Recovery Fund) authorized under the American Rescue Plan Act (S.3011).

We sincerely appreciate the previous relief measures provided during the COVID-19 pandemic. However, the public health and economic impacts of the pandemic mean our members need more flexibility in using those funds to ensure the best possible public response.

The new legislation would:

- Allow counties to allocate up to \$10 million in ARPA Recovery Funds for the provision of government services without being required to calculate revenue loss
- Allow \$10 million (or 30 percent) of a county's ARPA Recovery Fund allocation to be used for infrastructure-related activities authorized under existing federal surface transportation laws or a Community Development Block Grant project
- Allow ARPA Recovery Funds to provide emergency relief from natural disasters and their negative economic impacts, including temporary emergency housing, food assistance, financial assistance for lost wages or other immediate needs

- Clarify an “eligible revenue share county” is the same as Payment-in-Lieu-of-Taxes (PILT) counties and redirects 1 percent (or \$15 million) from the original \$1.5B for public lands “revenue share” counties to U.S. territories

Now with this legislation, S. 3011 and the identical H.R. 5735, in the House, we urge you to become a co-sponsor of it and provide all possible support for its passage.

Thank you again for your service to our state.

Sincerely,



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