Illinois State Association of Counties

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U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

U.S. Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

To the Members of the Illinois Congressional Delegation:

The Illinois State Association of Counties (ISACo) greatly appreciates your efforts on behalf of our local communities during the COVID-19 pandemic. I write to respectfully request that you support the Local Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Funds within the proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Reconciliation Act.

This legislation, as part of the next potential round of COVID-19 federal relief, would include $350 billion in critical aid to state, local and territorial governments, including a projected $5.6 billion for Illinois local governments and a projected $7.5 billion for the State. This much-needed aid will help Illinois and its local governments fulfill their role in mitigating and ending COVID-19 while supporting frontline services and softening the impact of the emergency response on state and local budgets.

Counties across the country are responsible for operating and supporting over 1,900 local public health departments and 1,000 public hospitals and critical access clinics. Counties are also responsible for additional services and duties in support of emergency operations centers, public safety, seniors and veterans. Our nation's counties have been on the front lines of the COVID-19 response and much of the economic impact of the pandemic is felt at the local level.

We are committed to working in a bipartisan fashion to secure direct, flexible, and equitable funding for counties of all sizes, with the shared goal of keeping our residents healthy and our communities safe and vibrant.

Once again, ISACo appreciates your efforts to help Illinois' counties during this difficult time and we respectfully request your continued support. Please feel welcome to contact me at (217) 679-3368 or at jmccoy@isacoil.org.

Respectfully,

Joe McCoy
Executive Director
Illinois State Association of Counties