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Illinois General Assembly 401 South 2nd Street Springfield, Illinois 62707

Members of the Illinois General Assembly,

Municipal and county leaders recognize that the final weeks of budget negotiations are a busy time for the General Assembly. As the spring legislative session draws to a close, we ask that you keep in mind the needs of local governments, particularly our reliance on stable, consistent, and sustainable revenues to provide essential services. The Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) increase to 6.47% in the FY2024 budget was a strong first step in the right direction toward restoring the municipal share of income tax revenue, and we look forward to celebrating future LGDF increases in partnership with you and your colleagues.

We also ask that the General Assembly consider and address the consequential impact on our communities of the proposal to eliminate the grocery tax. If the existing tax cannot be maintained, granting local governments the ability to reinstate the tax locally will ensure that we can continue to meet the expectations of our shared constituents.

Thank you for your consideration of these critical issues. We appreciate your continued attention to the needs of local governments and the over eight million residents we represent. Please contact Suzette Quintell, Executive Director of the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference, at (630) 576-9134 or <u>squintell@dmmc-cog.org</u>, with any questions or if additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

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