MEMO

TO: Members of the House Local Government Committee
FROM: Amy Sturges, Director of Governmental Affairs, PML and PSATC
RE: Support for House Bills 2536 and 2548
DATE: May 26, 2020

On behalf of the members of the PA Municipal League and the PA State Association on Township Commissioners, I write in support of House Bills 2536 and 2548 on the Committee’s agenda for May 27.

House Bill 2536, introduced by Representative James, amends the Local Government Unit Debt Act authorizing additional local borrowing via tax anticipation notes to assist municipalities with the delay in tax revenue caused by the pandemic.

House Bill 2548, introduced by Representative Freeman, amends the Financially Distressed Municipalities Act extending all current recovery and exit plans by 18 months.

These are tools that municipalities will be able to access as they navigate the sudden and significant revenue loss and uncertain future caused by COVID-19.

Please be mindful that these tools should not be looked upon as the only assistance local governments will need from the Commonwealth in the coming months.

Thank you.