MEMO

TO: Members of the Senate Local Government Committee
FROM: Amy Sturges, Director of Governmental Affairs, PML and PSATC
RE: Legislation before the Committee June 8, 2020
DATE: June 8, 2020

On behalf of the members of the PA Municipal League and the PA State Association of Township Commissioners, I am writing in support of the following bills on today’s Senate Local Government Committee agenda:

**House Bill 2073 (PN 3052): Support** – This bill, introduced by Representative Moul, represents the comprehensive modernization of the First Class Township Code. It is the culmination of a several year project, led by the Local Government Commission in conjunction with PSATC and a volunteer committee of commissioners, managers and solicitors. This is a much needed and welcomed update of the Code; both PML and PSATC support HB 2073 and ask that you move it out of Committee today.

**Senate Bill 1188 (PN 1751): Support**: This bill, introduced by Senator Blake, seeks to address a recent court decision that will have a serious negative impact on the fiscal stability of a number of communities. The bill amends Act 511, the Local Tax Enabling Act, to provide clarification as to the taxes considered and calculated in Act 511’s aggregate tax limit. Taxes authorized and levied outside of Act 511, including under a municipality’s home rule authority, would not be considered. Senate Bill 1188 also clarifies the calculation of total market value under Act 511. Both PML and PSATC support SB 1188 and ask that you also move this bill out of Committee today.

Thank you for your consideration.