



April 23, 2020

The Honorable Tom Wolf
Governor of Pennsylvania
508 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor Wolf:

We acknowledge and thank you for the recognition and commitment in your “Plan for Pennsylvania” for robust funding for local governments. Such funding is critical to our recovery from the many impacts of COVID-19 that local governments are facing now and will face in the months ahead. We firmly believe that the recovery of Pennsylvania as a Commonwealth cannot occur absent the recovery of Pennsylvania’s municipalities.

A recent survey of Pennsylvania’s municipalities indicates the following:

- 92% anticipate a revenue shortfall by the end of 2020;
- A majority of Pennsylvania’s municipalities believe public safety departments will be significantly affected by the revenue shortfall;
- A majority of Pennsylvania’s municipalities believe other departments, such as parks and recreation, public works and code enforcement will be significantly impacted; and
- A majority of Pennsylvania’s municipalities believe they will be forced to cut police and fire services, public works, code enforcement, as well as capital projects; these cuts will include furloughs and layoffs.

Again, we provide the attached resolution adopted by the League’s Board of Directors. We are asking for substantial assistance for local governments on many levels including pensions and relief from unfunded mandates amongst other critical services enumerated in the resolution. We must maintain services and support our residents and businesses as they themselves recover.

We are poised to work with your Administration to accomplish these critical goals.

Any questions or comments can be directed to Rick Schuettler, Executive Director, at rschuettler@pml.org or Amy Sturges, Director of Governmental Affairs, at asturges@pml.org.

Sincerely,

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President

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