



DUPAGE MAYORS AND
MANAGERS CONFERENCE



Lake County
Municipal League



January 8, 2021

Dear Senator/Representative,

We commend your efforts during these extraordinarily challenging times and thank you for the work you do on behalf of our shared constituents. The 273 member municipalities of the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference, Lake County Municipal League, McHenry County Council of Governments, Metro West Council of Government, Northwest Municipal Conference, South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association, Southwest Conference of Mayors, and Will County Governmental League are reviewing HB 163, Senate Floor Amendment 2; HB 5871; HB 2170, Senate Floor Amendment 1; and HB 5548, House Amendment 1, all of which were filed on January 5, 2021. The importance of these bills and the concepts found therein warrants additional time for stakeholder review and input. The 5-day schedule for the legislature to contemplate and act upon these foundational bills leaves little time for that input on bills totaling almost 1200 pages. Our memberships respectfully request additional time for conversation of issues and an opportunity to forge collaboration and consensus.

The legislative process on issues of this significance is important. We respectfully request an opportunity to provide input. Unfortunately, the legislative calendar and process for lame duck session makes this difficult.

We are also concerned about the fiscal implications of these bills. The ability of the state to assume this additional burden while carrying an existing budget deficit and bill backlog is of concern. Our members are also concerned that existing budget lines, such as LGDF, will be used to fund new expenditures without regard to existing obligations.

Our municipalities are looking to work together with you on the important topics addressed in these bills. We ask that you work with the COGs and others to open that dialogue and ensure the process allows for input from all stakeholders. To that end, please contact Lesli Melendy, Executive Director of Metro West Council of Government at (847) 226-4876 or LMelendy.mwcog@gmail.com with any questions or if additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

Frank Trilla



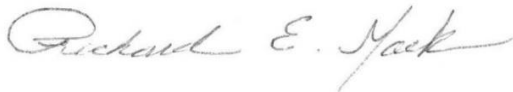
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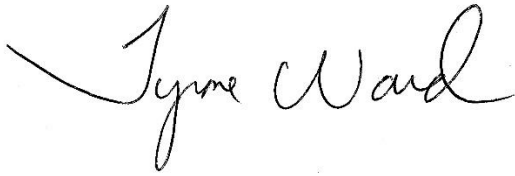
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