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Good afternoon! I wanted to reach out quickly ahead of tomorrow morning's committee meeting and share with you the position that I have taken on these bills on behalf of the MML. I will not be testifying in committee, but please share these comments with the Appropriations committee members as they consider these bills.

The League appreciates the willingness of Rep Lower to work with us and other local government and school groups to provide affordable relief that protects main street and downtown small businesses while preserving the critical summer property tax revenue stream for local governments and schools. At this time the Michigan Municipal League would like to express our continued conceptual support for the proposal as drafted within the proposed H-3 for HB 5761 and H-2 for HB 5810. We continue to work with the bill sponsor to iron out the few remaining technical and operational details within the language to ensure that the proposed relief from the deferred tax bills can be administered easily and understood clearly while ensuring that the revenue stream necessary to provide the advance funding to local governments and schools is provided in as close a time period to the normal summer tax collection as possible. We recognize the extremely tight time frame this proposal is being advanced under and appreciate the sponsor and committee's efforts to balance taxpayer relief with the need to protect the front-line staff and services provided by our local units and schools.

Thank you for your assistance. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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