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5 WHEREAS, advance refunding of tax-exempt municipal bonds can be a financial tool
6 that saves state and local governments billions of dollars by allowing them to provide
7 more comprehensive savings at lower costs to taxpayers; and

8 WHEREAS, the refunding of tax-exempt municipal bonds is a mechanism by which
9 states and localities finance infrastructure projects, utilities, education, and other
10 general purpose bonds; and

11 WHEREAS, a refunding occurs when the proceeds from one bond are used to pay off
12 another bond, typically at a lower interest rate; and

13 WHEREAS, the bipartisan Investing in our Communities Act as introduced in the 117th
14 Congress restores the ability for states to advance refund their tax-exempt municipal
15 bonds, which was eliminated by the Tax Cuts and Job Act of 2017; and

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Conference of State
17 Legislatures urges Congress to pass legislation that restores the ability of states to
18 finance public infrastructure that is cost-effective and consistent with NCSL principles of
19 preserving fiscal viability and tax reform.

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7 **WHEREAS**, The Intergovernmental Cooperation Act of 1968 (P.L. 90-577) allowed
8 federal government agencies to provide certain services to state and local governments.
9 While most of this Act was repealed in 1982, the ability for the federal government
10 agencies to provide these services to states and localities was preserved and re-
11 codified in 31 U.S.C. 6505; and

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13 **WHEREAS**, for many years, NCSL has advocated for federal agencies to engage in
14 meaningful consultation with states on agency proposals and to provide greater
15 transparency and communication with states. As implementors of federal agency
16 actions, states are important stakeholders and are a level of government representing
17 the people of the United States; and

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19 **WHEREAS**, S. 3890, the “Improving Intergovernmental Cooperation and Reducing
20 Duplication Act of 2022” seeks to remedy the lack of transparency and communication
21 between federal agencies and states with respect to the provision of important services
22 to states, and clarifies that states “should have the option, without being coerced or
23 required, to adopt and use important information, infrastructure, capabilities, and
24 services from the federal government if such offerings are made to benefit taxpayers
25 and the constituents served by those offerings;” and

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27 **WHEREAS**, S. 3890 would require federal agency heads to do whatever may be
28 necessary to increase cooperation and reduce administrative burdens between states
29 and federal agencies and requires the creation of strategic plan in consultation with

30 state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments; and

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32 **WHEREAS**, NCSL, as the national bipartisan organization representing our nation’s
33 states and territories must be part of the development of the strategic plan as a relevant
34 stakeholder; and

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36 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that NCSL urges Congress to pass S. 3890,
37 the “Improving Intergovernmental Cooperation and Reducing Duplication Act of 2022”
38 so that states and NCSL have a voice in improving intergovernmental cooperation and
39 transparency between states and the federal government.