May 9, 2022

The Honorable Gary Peters  
Chair  
Senate Homeland Security  
And Governmental Affairs Committee  
(Sent Via Email)

The Honorable Rob Portman  
Ranking Member  
Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee  
(Sent Via Email)

RE: Support for S. 3890, the “Improving Intergovernmental Cooperation and Reducing Duplication Act of 2022”

Dear Chairman Peters and Ranking Member Portman:

On behalf of the nation’s state, territory, and local governments, we strongly endorse and urge support for the bipartisan “Improving Intergovernmental Cooperation and Reducing Duplication Act of 2022” (S.3890). This bill would take an important step toward remedying the lack of transparency and communication between federal agencies and states and localities when providing important services to them. We especially appreciate the opportunity to engage with the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and contribute to a strategic plan that will facilitate better cooperation, communication and transparency between the federal government and our members. We respectfully ask that this bill be considered by the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee in May.

For many years, our organizations have advocated for federal agencies to engage in meaningful consultation with states and localities on agency proposals. We have worked with individual agencies with the goals of greater transparency and better communication between our levels of government with mixed results. As implementors of federal agency actions, states and localities are important stakeholders and must be able to weigh in on federal agency actions with state and local impact. S. 3890 is an important step toward achieving these goals. Our organizations thank you for your leadership and look forward to working with you to move this bill through the Senate.
Sincerely,

Tom Cochran
CEO and Executive Director
The United States Conference of Mayors

Matthew D. Chase
CEO/Executive Director
National Association of Counties

Marc Ott
Executive Director
International City/County Management Association

David Adkins
Executive Director/CEO
The Council of State Governments

Tim Storey
CEO
National Conference of State Legislatures

Clarence Anthony
CEO and Executive Director
National League of Cities

Cc: The Honorable Steve Daines
Members of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee