



December 28, 2018

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
U.S. House of Representatives
U.S. Capitol Building, H-204
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
U.S. House of Representatives
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RE: Big 7 Organizations Urge Preservation of House Oversight and Government Reform Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Affairs

On behalf of the seven leading organizations representing state and local governments at the federal level – the National Governors Association, Council of State Governments, National Conference of State Legislatures, National Association of Counties, National League of Cities, U.S. Conference of Mayors and the International City/County Management Association – we respectfully request that you preserve the Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Affairs (the Subcommittee) as part of the U.S. House Oversight and Government Reform Committee during the 116th Congress. We look forward to working with you to improve the effectiveness of this Subcommittee within Congress.

The Subcommittee is highly valued by our organizations because it presents a bipartisan venue where federal, state and local governments can identify common goals and address issues and solutions that benefit our shared constituents. Additionally, the Subcommittee represents the only forum in Congress where federalism – the relationship between all levels of government – is the primary focus.

The Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Affairs has assisted state and local governments by:

- helping our organizations track federal regulatory action – including analyzing new rules and regulations and considering necessary regulatory reforms;
- securing information on state and local impacts from federal agencies;
- working to standardize the federalism consultation process to ensure that state and local governments are consulted during rulemakings;
- advocating for state and local policy considerations to be prioritized at the White House Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs;
- focusing on the impacts of federal legislation on state and local governments;
- serving as a key liaison with the Congressional Budget Office; and
- partnering on multiple federalism-related events – including roundtables, hearings, forums and other discussions between state and local elected officials and their federal counterparts.

We need to ensure the continuation of this critical function within Congress so that policy developed at the federal level can be effectively implemented at the state and local levels.

During the 116th Congress, we hope the Subcommittee will build on this work and help states and local governments address issues of national importance. We believe the best solutions are those developed in consultation with state and local governments and retaining the Subcommittee will ensure Congress prioritizes the voices and input of state and local officials in its decision-making process.

Our organizations stand ready to assist you and your colleagues in developing an agenda for the Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Affairs, supporting its efforts and highlighting the importance of federalism in the 116th Congress.

Sincerely,



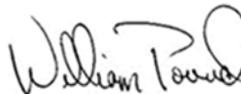
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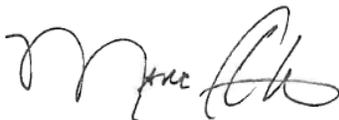
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CC: U.S. House Oversight and Government Reform Committee Chair and Ranking Member