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LOCAL GOVERNMENT STATEMENT ON STATE BUDGET ADDRESS

Groups Remain Committed to Finding Long-Term Solution to Local Gov Finance

The Wisconsin Counties Association, the League of Wisconsin Municipalities, and the Wisconsin Towns Association have been working closely with state leaders to craft a proposal that would provide one cent of the state's five-cent sales tax to increase aid that goes to Wisconsin local governments.

The three groups have issued the following statement following Governor Evers' state budget address on February 15, 2023:

"In recent months, counties, cities, villages, and towns have been stressing with state leaders the need for a change in how local governments are funded given rising inflation and increased service demands. Local governments have appreciated the willingness of legislative leaders to engage in these conversations and propose alternative funding mechanisms and reforms.

This evening's budget address by Governor Evers represents his willingness to support local government reform. While we recognize negotiations will need to occur between the legislature and Governor, our three statewide local government associations, and the thousands of locally elected officials we represent, remain committed to finding a long-term solution to local government finance."

For additional comments, please contact WCA at 866.404.2700, the League at 608.267.2380 and WTA at 715.526.3157.

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