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MEMBERS OF HOUSE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

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WRITTEN INTERESTED PARTY TESTIMONY ON HB 415

Good afternoon, Chair Anielski, Vice Chair Hambley, Ranking Minority Member Holmes and members of the Ways and Means Committee. My name is Brad Cole and I am Managing Director of Research for CCAO. CCAO thanks the committee for the opportunity to provide written interested party testimony on HB 415.

HB 415 creates the Local Government Road Improvement Fund and requires 50 percent of surplus state revenues to be allocated to this new fund each year. The bill also creates a state Local Government Road Improvement Fund to distribute state revenues to 88 county Undivided Local Government Improvement Funds.

Money would be distributed by the state to each county based on the proportion of locally maintained road lane miles in the county – county, municipal and township - as compared to the total number of locally maintained road lane miles in the state.

The bill further provides that within each county, the county treasurer would be required to distribute to each subdivision an amount based on the proportion of lane miles in the county that are maintained by that subdivision. Money distributed by the state would be used for local road improvements.

CCAO is in the process of evaluating HB 415 and has scheduled an internal committee meeting in January to further discuss the provisions of HB 415 with Representative Greenspan. CCAO certainly appreciates the efforts of Representatives Greenspan and Ryan to provide additional infrastructure funding for local governments. CCAO understands that counties have many infrastructure needs, including the need to provide funding to maintain the highway infrastructure.

CCAO looks forward to working with the House State and Local Government Committee as deliberations on HB 415 continue. Again, thank you for the opportunity to present written interested party testimony on HB 415.



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