



Illinois State Association of Counties

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The Honorable Susana A. Mendoza
State Comptroller
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Chicago, IL 60601

Dear Comptroller Mendoza,

The Illinois State Association of Counties (ISACO) is working diligently to support counties as they rise to the challenge of addressing the ramifications associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. I am aware that the state, including your office, are also working hard on behalf of Illinoisans during this difficult time.

As you know, the measures taken to protect the residents of our nation and state from the spread of COVID-19 are almost certainly creating a slowdown throughout various sectors of our economy. County leaders are well aware that budgets at all levels of government will be negatively impacted as tax revenue decreases while spending increases to meet critical public health, unemployment compensation and human service needs.

On behalf of Illinois county leaders, I respectfully request that your office prioritize the distribution of funds normally distributed to counties by the state. Counties are on the front lines of the response to this pandemic and county public health departments are taking a leading role in the response. County public health services are particularly important for Illinois residents at the bottom of the economic ladder.

Besides the key role played by counties in protecting the health of the public, local public services in general become even more critical during periods of crisis. For these reasons, consistent and reliable distributions of funds from your office become essential for counties to meet their obligation to the public.

Once again, thank you for your consideration in this matter. Please feel welcome to contact me at 217/836-9164 or jmccoy@isacoil.org if I can be of assistance to your office. Thanks.

Respectfully,

Joe McCoy
Executive Director
Illinois State Association of Counties