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Governor Recommends Full Funding for County Revenue Sharing in FY 2015

LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan Association of Counties (M.A.C.) is pleased that Governor Snyder has recommended 100% full funding for county revenue sharing totaling over \$211 million for the FY 2015 budget. M.A.C. would like to thank the governor and his administration for this recommendation and for their untiring efforts to restore counties to full funding.

This marks the first time in 14 years that counties are in a position to receive full revenue sharing payments, last receiving full funding in FY 2001.

Although this is excellent news coming from the governor, it is just the first step in a long budget process. Both the House and Senate need to agree with the governor on his recommendations.

"I would like to thank the governor on behalf of all Michigan counties for this recommendation," said Vice President of the M.A.C. Board of Directors and Allegan County Commissioner Jon Campbell. "M.A.C., along with county officials, has worked tirelessly to educate the governor and his administration on the uniqueness of county revenue sharing and how those dollars provide vital services to Michigan residents."

The House and the Senate will start considering budgets as early as next week, and M.A.C. is hopeful that the legislature will adopt the governor's recommendation, but is urging county commissioners to contact their legislators to support this proposal.

M.A.C. again wishes to thank Governor Snyder for this recommendation to fully fund county revenue sharing in FY 2015, and looks forward to working with the legislature to adopt this recommendation. If you have questions, please contact M.A.C. Director of Legislative Affairs Deena Bosworth at 517-372-5374 or bosworth@micounties.org.

The Michigan Association of Counties (M.A.C.) founded on February 1, 1898, is the only statewide organization dedicated to the representation of all county commissioners in Michigan. M.A.C. is a non-partisan, non-profit organization which advances education, communication and cooperation among county government officials in the state of Michigan. M.A.C. is the counties' voice at the State Capitol, providing legislative support on key issues affecting counties.