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The Honorable Bill Cassidy
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Letter of Support: SMART ACT (S.3752)

June 9, 2020

Dear Senator Cassidy,

We, the undersigned mayors of Louisiana municipalities, hereby give our strong support and thanks to Senators Bill Cassidy, M.D. (R-LA) and Bob Menendez (D-NJ) who, along with coauthors, formally introduced the bipartisan State and Municipal Assistance for Recovery and Transition (SMART) Act. This legislation aims to deliver critical federal relief and funding to cities, towns, and villages on the front lines of America's response to, and recovery from, COVID-19.

The proposed legislation includes \$500 billion in emergency funding to municipalities and other local governments of all sizes and locations, regardless of population, while prioritizing assistance to the areas with the greatest need. With millions of jobs and economic recovery at stake, it is critical that Congress approve an aid package that will help sustain vital services to Americans during and after the COVID-19 pandemic.

Clarence Anthony, National League of Cities CEO and Executive Director, has applauded the measure:

The National League of Cities welcomes introduction of the bipartisan SMART Act, a bill that would assist all local governments with maintaining their core responsibilities, including keeping emergency responders on the job intervening in localized outbreaks of COVID-19; and restoring the economic activity of their communities long term. Providing federal relief for municipalities across the nation is critical to advancing the reopening of America and our national economic recovery, on which thousands of jobs and the livelihoods of American families depend. The SMART Act is another positive sign that Members of Congress want to help the local leaders they represent; and that momentum is growing for the next emergency response package to include fair and appropriate levels of assistance to all cities, towns, and villages.

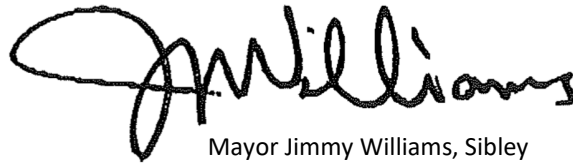
According to Louisiana Municipal Association Executive Director John Gallagher, it is estimated that for fiscal years 2020 and 2021, Louisiana's local governments will incur revenue losses of over \$787 million in lost property taxes, sales taxes, and mineral revenue. That figure does not include other diminished revenue bases such as traffic enforcement or other fines and fees. Mr. Gallagher has stated:

Not only do Louisiana's municipalities provide essential services and infrastructure, but they are economic drivers throughout the state who provide critical employment opportunities in vulnerable communities. The SMART Act would pro-

vide funding for municipal economic recovery that will support the reopening of businesses and allow Louisiana to move forward together. We are grateful for Senator Cassidy's bipartisan efforts and for his longstanding partnership with Louisiana's municipal governments and the LMA.

We urge Congress to act quickly to approve this bipartisan legislation and we look forward to using these funds to maintain the vital services and front-line responses that our citizens expect and deserve.

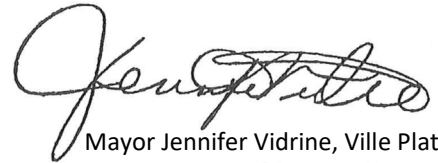
Sincerely,



Mayor Jimmy Williams, Sibley
LMA President



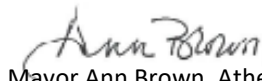
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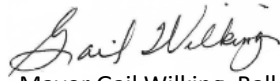
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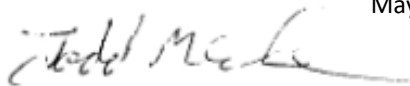
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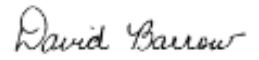
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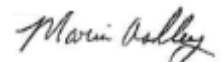
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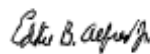
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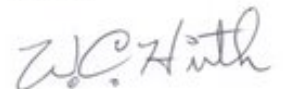
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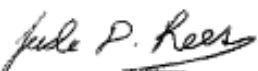
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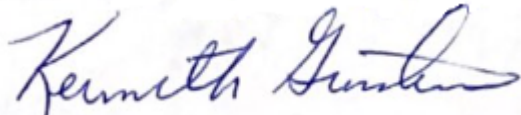


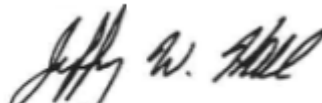
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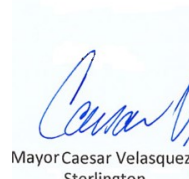

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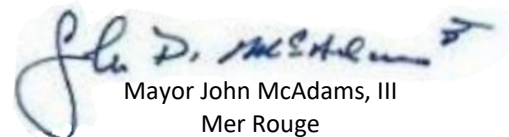

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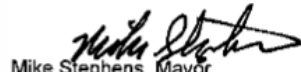

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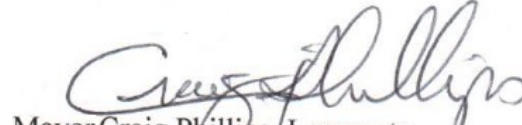

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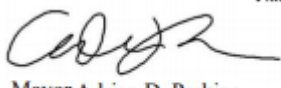

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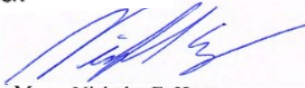

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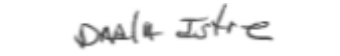

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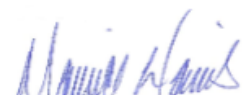

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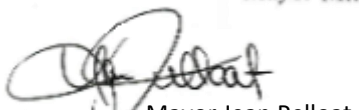

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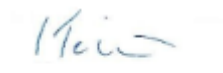

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