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City Manager Darrel Pyle City of Norman PO Box 370 Norman, OK 73070-0370 OML President District 8 Representative Mayor Randy Ross Mayor Matt White

City of El Reno

Dear City Manager Pyle:

The Oklahoma Municipal League (OML) appreciates and values your continued support and participation in the League.

City of Choctaw

OML is your organization and as such we work diligently to provide members with the resources you need for your community. Below are a few examples of how OML has put revenue back into your community by our efforts at the Capitol:

- OML led the fight in getting HB 1875 signed into law which provided Norman an additional \$310,808.92 of funds to remain in your community since its passage.
- OML was the leading voice for municipalities for online sales tax reform. Reports estimate approximately **\$300 million** returning to the state.
- At the federal level, last year an amicus curiae brief was filed by the State & Local Legal Center on behalf of State Leagues, including OML, to enable municipalities the ability to collect sales tax if the retailer has no in-state physical presence to combat the loss of an estimated **\$26 billion** revenue for state and local governments.

This year OML continues to sponsor legislation to enhance municipal budgets:

- Public Safety Districts House Bill 1192 has been approved by the House and will now head to the Senate for approval. Should it be approved by the Governor municipalities will have the ability to hold an election to appropriate up to 5 mils of an ad valorem fee to be used for public safety expenses.
- Sale for Resale Reform Senate Bill 1595 provides needed updates to the sale for resale tax exemption. By reforming this law millions of dollars will be put back into municipal budgets across the state.

In addition to all the incredible work OML does at the state Capitol on your behalf, we continue to provide the most comprehensive inquiry, research and training programs built to assist your community for any need.

Together we provide a unified voice for Oklahoma municipalities. The number one ingredient for success at the legislature and state agencies is a united and collective voice.

We are looking forward to continuing to work with you and your community for the betterment of Oklahoma cities and towns. Please feel free to contact OML at 405-528-7515 if you have questions or desire additional information.

Sincerely.

Mike Fina Executive Director