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Mr. Jerry Crabtree Executive Director Township Officials of Illinois 3217 Northfield Drive Springfield, IL 62702

In re: Local Government Audit Resources

Dear Director Crabtree:

This letter will follow up with our recent discussion regarding the availability of CPAs and CPA firms to perform statutorily required audits for units of local government. Specifically, this issue is acute with local governments downstate.

In order to assist these units of local government, the Illinois CPA Society has posted a roster of CPAs and CPA firms that are available and have capacity to perform audits of this nature. <u>See Auditor Roster</u>. Additionally, the Illinois CPA Society maintains <u>Find a CPA Directory</u> that includes a robust search function that can also be utilized for this purpose.

While we recognize that in some instances local governments would prefer to retain a local CPA or CPA firm, the demographics of the CPA profession have resulted in consolidation, retirements and fewer CPAs providing audit services. CPAs and firms that do provide these services have adopted practices to accommodate and maximize performing these services remotely. Therefore, governmental entities are not limited by geographic location of a firm.

We hope that these resources will be of assistance to you and units of local government in satisfying statutorily required reporting.

Sincerely,

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