

REVENUE SHARING

Action to Date: The Senate voted to support a 12% cut to revenue sharing in HB 4437. The bill will now be sent to conference committee.

Key Points:

Revenue Sharing funds the services essential to quality of life and the economic vitality of our communities.

Revenue sharing was promised to local communities in the Michigan Constitution to help pay for core government services such as police protection, fire services, roads, water, sewer and garbage collection services.

The Granholm administration issued an executive order (E.O.) that will cut \$41 million of community statutory revenue sharing (approximately one-third of cities last two payments) from this year's budget.

In every budget since 2000, the State has not fully returned revenue sharing as required by statute. Eight consecutive years of cuts have left local communities more than \$3 billion short on revenue sharing.

Michigan's Fire Marshall Office reports 2,400 fewer fire fighters since 2001.

Action Requested:

Urge lawmakers to oppose the HB 4437 and to start accepting the fact that cutting local services is not the way to prosperity.