



LEGISLATIVE ALERT

As you know, the House voted to override the Governor's veto of the MCO budget amendment and we have been waiting for the Senate to concur with that vote. We have been told that the Senate plans to return to session to address the House's veto overrides on **August 23rd at 1:30 pm.**

We ask that all CCAO members refocus their advocacy efforts for the MCO amendment so that we can have a favorable outcome on August 23rd. It's extremely important that we continue to communicate with the Senate so that they do not lose steam on this issue!

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Call Your Senator(s) today and ask them to commit to voting for an override of the Governor's MCO amendment veto
2. Call or email CCAO policy staffers [John Leutz](#) or [Kate Neithammer](#) at 614-221-5627 and let them know how your member(s) of the Senate plan to vote

A quick reminder of the message and talking points are below:

THE MESSAGE:

Please vote to override the Governor's veto of the MCO sales tax amendment. The transition aid currently in the budget will only provide counties and transit authorities a one-time allocation to help them mitigate the loss of a \$207 million revenue stream. The MCO sales tax amendment helps provide a mechanism for counties and transit authorities to replace some of the revenue they are losing once this transition aid ends.

THE TALKING POINTS:

- ✓ **Explain** what budget cuts you anticipate having to impose if the lost revenue is not fully and permanently replaced.
- ✓ **Remind** them that counties are simply seeking revenue stability by holding on to their current levels of funding. The replacement of this revenue is not a tax increase.
- ✓ **Ask** them to override the Governor's veto on the MCO amendment.
- ✓ **Make sure they understand that this must be fixed!** The budget includes a plan that permanently fixes this problem for the state. Their county partners should be given parity.



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