Massive Cuts to Revenue Sharing Threaten Public Safety, Economies of Michigan Communities

Police officers, firefighters and community officials demand state legislators end cuts that endanger local communities

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*Lansing Fire Chief Tom Cochran  
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*Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton  
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WHAT:  
News conference to urge state lawmakers and the Governor to avoid cuts to revenue sharing that would endanger the safety and welfare of every citizen in every community in Michigan.

WHEN:  
1 p.m., Wednesday, June 24, 2009

WHERE:  
Michigan Municipal League’s Capitol Office, 208 N. Capitol Ave., 1st Floor, Lansing

DETAILS:  
The Legislature has cut revenue sharing to local governments by more than $3 billion in the last eight years, with more cuts announced for the Fiscal Year 2010 state budget. We urge the Legislature to fully fund revenue sharing and avoid further endangering our communities’ public health and safety. Michigan has the worst violent crime rate in the Great Lakes states and revenue sharing provides a key safety net to ensure our communities are safe and healthy. Recent cuts to revenue sharing have assaulted local government budgets and have added to the erosion of quality of life across the state.

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