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Donald Merkes
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RE: Thank You for Your Advocacy to Preserve Tax-Exempt Municipal Financing

Dear Donald:

On behalf of the WPPI Energy membership's Policy and Communications Leadership Council, we are writing to express our thanks for your community's support in advocating for the preservation of tax-exempt municipal bonds as a necessary tool for the affordable financing of essential municipal infrastructure and services.

All told, WPPI Energy member communities passed 29 such local resolutions, which we recently presented to our congressional delegates during visits we made on Capitol Hill in conjunction with the American Public Power Association's (APPA) annual legislative rally. Your efforts did not go unnoticed by the lawmakers with whom we met, nor by your peer public power communities. In fact, during the APPA event, WPPI Energy members received national recognition from APPA for this significant number of resolutions, which accounted for more than half of the resolutions of this type that APPA has received from public power communities to date.

Not only have your efforts been noticed, they have made a difference. We are pleased to report that a bi-partisan resolution has been introduced in the House of Representatives, H.Res. 112, "Celebrating the history of municipal bonds, the 100-year precedent of the Federal tax exemption for municipal bond interest, and the important contribution municipal bonds have made to economic growth and wellbeing in each State and municipality in our great Nation." In addition, a group of 14 Democrats in the Senate recently signed on to a letter urging President Obama to avoid altering the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds.

While the fight is not over yet, your community's efforts have made an important contribution to the effort of preserving tax-exempt municipal financing and the savings it provides to taxpayers and ratepayers. Thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

Very truly yours,

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