December 29, 2015

RE: Illinois Budget Impasse

Dear IFTA Commissioners;

As many of you may know, Illinois has been without a state budget since July 1, 2015. State facilities have been closed and many state-provided services and programs have been eliminated or reduced as a direct result of the budget impasse between our legislature and our Governor. Without an agreed-upon budget in place, the state of Illinois cannot legally expend money even though we may be contractually obligated to do so.

It is with much regret that I report to you at this time Illinois is unable to fund liabilities resulting from the monthly transmittal Funds Netting process administered through the IFTA, Inc. Clearinghouse until a state budget is in place. This includes the December transmittal (CHTP 2015-#12). We will continue to participate in the Clearinghouse and Funds Netting process; however, during those months for which we "owe" as a result of the net, paper checks will be disbursed once a budget is passed and the appropriation to pay these funds is restored.

On behalf of the Illinois Department of Revenue, I ask that you be patient and understanding of a situation that is beyond our control. Eventually a state budget will be passed by the legislature and accepted by the Governor. Unfortunately, I cannot provide you with a best guess as to when this will occur.

In closing, I will notify you when the Illinois budget impasse has concluded and we regain the ability to pay our funds netting timely.

Sincerely,

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IL IFTA Commissioner

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