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### **Oklahoma Municipal League Applauds Governor Fallin’s State of the State Address**

(February 1, 2016) – The Oklahoma Municipal League (OML) applauds Governor Fallin’s plan to move Oklahoma forward in a most challenging budget year. For the past several months, the OML has been conducting town hall type meetings around the state addressing the need for tax reform.

Cities and Towns appreciate Governor Fallin acknowledging that raising taxes isn’t the right thing but exploring exemptions and other sales tax revenue is the responsible way to go about balancing the budget.

Weatherford Mayor Mike Brown, President of the Oklahoma Municipal League said “Oklahoma mayors and elected officials look forward to continuing to work with the Governor and legislative leadership in looking at efficiencies in regards to the 150 sales tax exemptions. With Oklahoma cities & towns being ‘overly-dependent’ on local, voter approved sales tax to provide most all general operations, exploring options in this area is huge. Although cities and towns will benefit and be able to ensure essential services like police and fire are adequately staffed and funded, at the end of the day, the state of Oklahoma is the largest beneficiary.”

Oklahoma Municipal League joins the Governor in looking forward to a productive session.

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About Oklahoma Municipal League

The mission of the OML is to provide services and programs required by municipal officials to assist them in better serving their citizens, and to act as the representative of Oklahoma municipalities in interactions requiring a united voice. Since 1913, the League has served as the individual and collective voice of local officials on the state and national level.

