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**COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

May 2, 2017

The Honorable Kamala Harris  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Harris:

I am writing on behalf of the County of (Ventura/Santa Barbara) in support of full funding for the Payment in Lieu of Taxes Program.

Current discretionary appropriations for the PILT program are set to expire at the end of this fiscal year. Without the certainty of full PILT funding for FY 2018, these critical resources for nearly 1,900 counties will no longer be available to offset lost property tax revenue due to the presence of tax-exempt federal lands within their jurisdictions.

Attached for your information are letters I have sent to Senate Interior Appropriations Subcommittee Chairwoman Murkowski and Ranking Minority Member Udall urging their support for this program.

Thank you for your support for the PILT program. Please continue work with your colleagues who serve on the Committee to ensure mandatory funding for the program in FY 2018.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Walters  
Washington Representative

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Attachments