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**COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

June 17, 2019

The Honorable Salud Carbajal  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Carbajal:

I am writing on behalf of the County of Santa Barbara in support of legislation to reauthorize the Payments in Lieu of Taxes program.

PILT provides critical resources to nearly 1,900 counties across 49 states to offset lost property tax revenue due to the presence of tax-exempt federal lands within their jurisdictions. These dollars go toward supporting many critical services that counties are required to provide on federal public lands such as the costs of search and rescue, law enforcement, and road maintenance.

Representative Kirkpatrick has introduced H.R. 3043, the Permanently Authorizing PILT Act. While Congress has recently provided funding for PILT through annual appropriations bills, the County supports authorizing legislation to provide a long-term, sustainable future for this program. Please support enactment of legislation such as H.R. 3043 to ensure that the program continues to help offset the impacts of national forests and other public lands in the County.

Thank you for your continued support for PILT.

Sincerely yours,

Don Gilcrest  
Washington Representative

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