

Rural Counties Applaud Congressman McClintock for Support of Federal PILT

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December 2, 2015 –SACRAMENTO, CA – - The Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) applaud Congressman Tom McClintock (R-Elk Grove) for his support of the Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program, and thank him for joining efforts to urge reauthorization. Federal PILT funding mitigates the impact to county governments from the losses in property taxes due to nontaxable federal lands within

local government boundaries. In last year's reauthorization, RCRC-member counties Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Madera, Mariposa, Placer, and Tuolumne received nearly \$5.5 million.

“Federal PILT is a critical funding source for California’s counties, particularly as many rural counties contain significant federal landholdings, and Federal PILT counts as a sizable share of increasingly shrinking rural county budgets,” said Kevin Cann, RCRC Legislative Vice Chair and Mariposa County Supervisor. “RCRC and our individual counties are grateful for Congressman McClintock’s leadership in urging his colleagues to support Federal PILT to protect services such as law enforcement, firefighting, search-and-rescue operations, construction and maintenance of roads, and many other vital local services.”

Congressman McClintock has signed onto Representatives Jared Polis’ (DColorado) and Chris Steward’s (R-Utah) “Dear Colleague” letter (accessed here) requesting full funding for Federal PILT. Earlier this year through RCRC, 30 California counties adopted resolutions urging Congress to reauthorize and fully fund Federal PILT. Additional information on this endeavour can be accessed here.

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