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Omnibus Spending Package Includes Funding for Federal PILT

SACRAMENTO, CA – December 18, 2015 – The Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) announced today that Congress passed the Fiscal Year 2016 Omnibus Appropriations Act (Federal Spending Package), the federal spending package that supports a variety of government programs and services, including the Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program. Federal PILT funding mitigates the impact to county governments from the losses in property taxes due to nontaxable federal lands within government boundaries. RCRC and its member counties have strongly advocated for Federal PILT throughout the year, and applaud Congress for this 2016 reauthorization.

“Federal PILT is a critical funding source for some of the most important programs and services at the local level, and RCRC and our individual counties are grateful to Congress for recognizing the need to support these vital local services,” said Lee Adams, RCRC Chair and Sierra County Supervisor.

The 2016 Federal Spending Package contains \$452 million in spending authority for Federal PILT, with California expected to receive approximately \$40 million to support a variety of local government programs and services, including police and fire departments, emergency medical services, and search and rescue operations.

About Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC)

The Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) is a thirty-four member county strong service organization that champions policies on behalf of California's rural counties. RCRC is dedicated to representing the collective unique interests of its membership, providing legislative and regulatory representation at the State and Federal levels, and providing responsible services for its members to enhance and protect the quality of life in rural California counties. To learn more about RCRC, visit rcrcnet.org and follow @RuralCounties on Twitter.

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