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SACRAMENTO, CA – December 03, 2015 – The Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) applaud California Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein for their support of the Federal Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program, and thank them 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 – a loss totaling an average of more than \$40 million to California’s counties annually.

“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 Lee Adams, RCRC Chair and Sierra County Supervisor. “RCRC and our individual counties are grateful for Senator Boxer’s and Feinstein’s leadership in urging their 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.”

Senators Boxer and Feinstein have signed onto Senators Michael Bennet’s (D-Colorado) and Mike Crapo’s (R-Idaho) “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 endeavor can be accessed [here](#).

About Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC)

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