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March 27, 2014

Honorable Lois Wolk
California State Senate
California State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

SB 1410 (Wolk) – As introduced February 19, 2014 – **SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Wolk:

The County of San Bernardino is pleased to support SB 1410, legislation that will appropriate $19 million to the Department of Fish and Wildlife to make past due Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) to counties.

California PILT was established in 1949 to offset impacts to county property tax revenues that result when the State acquires private property for wildlife management. The Department of Fish and Wildlife has not made payments for the past decade and owes 36 counties, including the County of San Bernardino, PILT funds. Meanwhile, local governments have been forced to make difficult choices to balance their budgets without this funding. In addition to requesting $19 million in General Fund dollars for outstanding obligations, SB 1410 would appropriate $2 million annually for ongoing PILT.

For these reasons, the County of San Bernardino is pleased to support SB 1410. If you have any questions, please contact Josh Candelaria, Director of Governmental and Legislative Affairs, at (909) 387-4821.

Sincerely,

Janice Rutherford

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Board of Supervisors Chair
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c: San Bernardino County Legislative Delegation