

# COUNTY OF NEVADA

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## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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### NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

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**MEETING DATE:** November 14, 2017

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Supervisor Ed Scofield

**SUBJECT:** Letters of Support urging Congressional action to uphold Federal commitment to local communities to fully fund the Payment in Lieu of Taxes program (PILT) for FY 2018 and to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools program (SRS).

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Authorize the Chair to submit the attached Letters of Support to Congressman McClintock, Congressman LaMalfa, Senator Harris and Senator Feinstein.

**FUNDING:** N/A

**BACKGROUND:**

The National Association of Counties (NACo) is leading a coalition of impacted counties, school districts and other interested organizations in sending a letter to congressional leaders urging them to fully fund the Payment in Lieu Taxes (PILT) program for FY 2018 and to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools (SRS) program before the end of the congressional year. While I have signed that Letter as District II Supervisor, I believe it to be appropriate for the Board of Supervisors to submit Letters of Support to our congressional representatives urging congressional action to uphold Federal commitment to local communities to fully fund the PILT program for FY 2018 and to reauthorize the SRS program.

PILT funding are Federal payments to local governments that help offset the losses in property taxes due to non-taxable Federal lands within their boundaries. These payments help local governments carry out core public safety services such as emergency management, law enforcement, education, healthcare and road maintenance. The payments are made annually for tax-exempt Federal lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Forest Service and for Federal water projects and some military installations. The County receives approximately \$400,000 in PILT revenues on an annual basis, which, if not funded would have a sizable impact on the County.

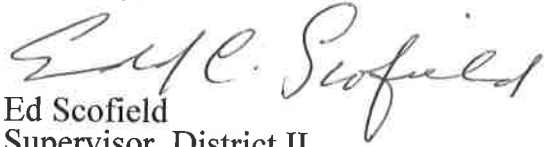
Moreover, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination (SRS) Act was enacted in 2000 because of major reductions in revenue from timber harvests due to shifts of national policy that greatly decreased the revenue-generating activities within Federal forests. The SRS program provided approximately \$278 million across the United States for roads, schools, conservation projects, search and rescue services and fire prevention programs, such as Fire Safe

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Council's Fire Wise Communities Program. Should the SRS program not be reauthorized, the County stands to lose valuable funding for our roads, schools and public safety.

Therefore, I respectfully request that the Board authorize the Chair to submit the attached Letters of Support to Congressman McClintock, Congressman LaMalfa, Senator Harris and Senator Feinstein urging congressional action to fully fund the Payment in Lieu Taxes (PILT) program for FY 2018 and to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools (SRS) program before the end of the congressional year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed C. Scofield". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Ed Scofield  
Supervisor, District II