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March 9, 2017

The Honorable Mike McGuire  
State Capitol, Room 5064  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SUPPORT – SB 58 (McGuire) – Payment of Taxes and Assessments (PILT)**

Dear Senator McGuire:

The Napa County Board of Supervisors is pleased to support SB 58 that seeks to require the State to make annual payments in lieu of taxes (PILT) to counties, including Napa County, in which State wildlife management areas are located.

In 2015 the final State Budget changed Fish and Game Code Section 1504 to make future State PILT payments somewhat optional instead of required. SB 58 will reinstate these annual payments to be required. While Napa County appreciates that the Brown Administration included funding in the State Budget for PILT for the 2015-16 and 2016-17 fiscal years after more than a decade of non-payment, future Administration's may well choose to simply not make State PILT payments, leaving counties without recourse due to the now permissive nature of the language. Currently, Napa County is owed approximately \$550,000 in back State PILT payments, including funds owed to the school district and incorporated areas in the County.

For these reasons, the Board unanimously supports SB 58. We commend you for authoring this measure and look forward to its passage into law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "AP", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Alfredo Pedroza  
Chairman, Napa County Board of Supervisors

cc: Senator Bill Dodd  
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