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Commissioners,

The message below will give you a good sense of the work being done by NACo to advocate for reauthorization of PILT and SRS.

MACO President Todd Devlin and Coalition of Forest Counties President Gregg Chilcott are in DC participating in the NACo PILT fly-in to represent Montana and will be meeting with our Congressional delegation.

Last week MACO Deputy Director Eric Bryson, MACO Legislative Coordinator Shantil Siaperas and I were in DC attending the NACo Knowledge Management Forum for state association staff so we took time to visit with our Congressional members staff to advocate for PILT and SRS. We presented a proper amendment to the PILT formula that would put lower population increments which would benefit the smaller-lower populated counties without harming other counties. That amendment was conceived by Todd Devlin in 2014 and has been adopted by the National Association of Counties as a part of the American County Platform.

Your advocacy efforts at home are invaluable in securing reauthorization of PILT and SRS. We urge you to contact our Members of Congress to tell them how the lack of those federal payments is affecting the budget you will be adopting tomorrow because without reauthorization you have no legal basis to anticipate those revenues in your FY-18 budget. What programs and services are you reducing or eliminating? How will those cuts affect your residents?

This is an opportunity to tell your story. NACo has created an Advocacy Toolkit to help you. Details are included in the message below from NACo Legislative Associate Jonathan Shuffield. We look forward to Jonathan attending our Annual Conference in September to give us an update on the status of PILT and SRS.

Thanks,

Harold

Harold Blattie, MACO Executive Director
Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Jonathan Shuffield" <JShuffield@naco.org>
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Subject: Details for the 2017 PILT Fly-In

Details for the 2017 PILT Fly-In

Hello PILT Fly-In Participants!

We are looking forward to seeing you tomorrow for the start of the 2017 PILT Fly-In. **Attached is an updated agenda for the fly-in for your reference** (thank you for your patience as meetings are still being added). As you begin your journey to DC, we wanted to take a moment to touch base with you and share some additional information about the fly-in. **Upon your arrival, you will be provided a binder with everything that you will need for the fly-in, including your individual group's Hill schedule.**

Please take a moment to review this email and don't hesitate to contact me at jshuffield@naco.org or 202.942.4207 if you have any questions. I can also be reached on my cell at 512.965.7268.

Before You Arrive in Washington

- **PILT Advocacy Toolkit [click here to download]**: NACo has prepared a new PILT Advocacy Toolkit for county officials across the country to utilize for the PILT advocacy week. Please take a moment to review the toolkit to familiarize yourself with NACo's PILT talking points. Don't forget to share it with your colleagues as well!

Wednesday, September 7

- **Welcome Evening Reception at Bistro Bis**: Please join us tomorrow (Wednesday, September 6) at 6:00 p.m. at Bistro Bis, located at Hotel George, 15 E St NW, Washington, DC 20001. Since many of you will also be staying at the Washington Court Hotel, there is no need to meet at the NACo offices beforehand. Please feel free to head directly to the reception at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 8

- **Fly-In Meetings**: Breakfast begins at 7:45 a.m. in the first-floor conference room at the NACo Headquarters (600 N Capitol St N.W., Suite 400, Washington, D.C. 20001) and our breakfast briefing begins promptly at 8:00 a.m. Participants will be divided into groups and accompanied by a NACo staff person. We have full days planned for each group and more meetings are still being confirmed. **We ask that all fly-in participants refrain from scheduling any personal meetings between 8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 7, 2016.** If you have independently scheduled meetings during that time block, we ask that you please attempt to reschedule them for another day. If you are unable to reschedule, please notify NACo Legislative Assistant Austin Igleheart at aigleheart@naco.org.
- **Capitol Hill Briefing on PILT**: At 12:30 p.m. all groups will attend the hill briefing in 188 Russell Senate Office building where a box lunch will be provided. We have several members of Congress confirmed to give remarks.
- **Meetings Debrief**: At 5:30 p.m., participants are asked to come back to the first-floor conference room at the NACo Headquarters (600 N Capitol St N.W., Suite 400) to discuss observations from the day's meetings.
- **Evening Reception and Dinner**: We are looking forward to hosting a reception and dinner for our PILT Fly-In participants on Thursday, September 8, at 6:30 p.m. at Clyde's Gallery Place, located at 707 7th Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001, right next to the "Gallery Place/Chinatown" Metrorail stop. If you would like, you can feel free to meet us at the restaurant at 6:30 p.m.. Drinks and appetizers will be served from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with a plated dinner to follow. **If you prefer to carpool with NACo staff, please plan to meet us at the NACo Headquarters (600 N Capitol St N.W., Suite 400) no later than 6:00 p.m. If you plan to meet at**

NACo, please RSVP to Austin Igleheart at aigleheart@naco.org so we know to expect you and can arrange appropriate transportation.

Friday, September 9

- **Fly-In Meetings:** Breakfast will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the NACo Headquarters (600 N Capitol St N.W., Suite 400, Washington, D.C. 20001). Participants will be divided into two groups: one to attend a meeting at the U.S. Forest Service Headquarters (1400 Independence Ave NW, Washington, DC 20250) and another group to meet with staff from the U.S. Department of the Interior (1849 C St NW, Washington, DC 20240).

Again, we look forward to seeing each of you in Washington DC for our 2017 PILT Fly-In. Thank you for your engagement and support of NACo's advocacy efforts. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at jshuffield@naco.org, at the office (202.942.4207), or on my cell (512.965.7268).

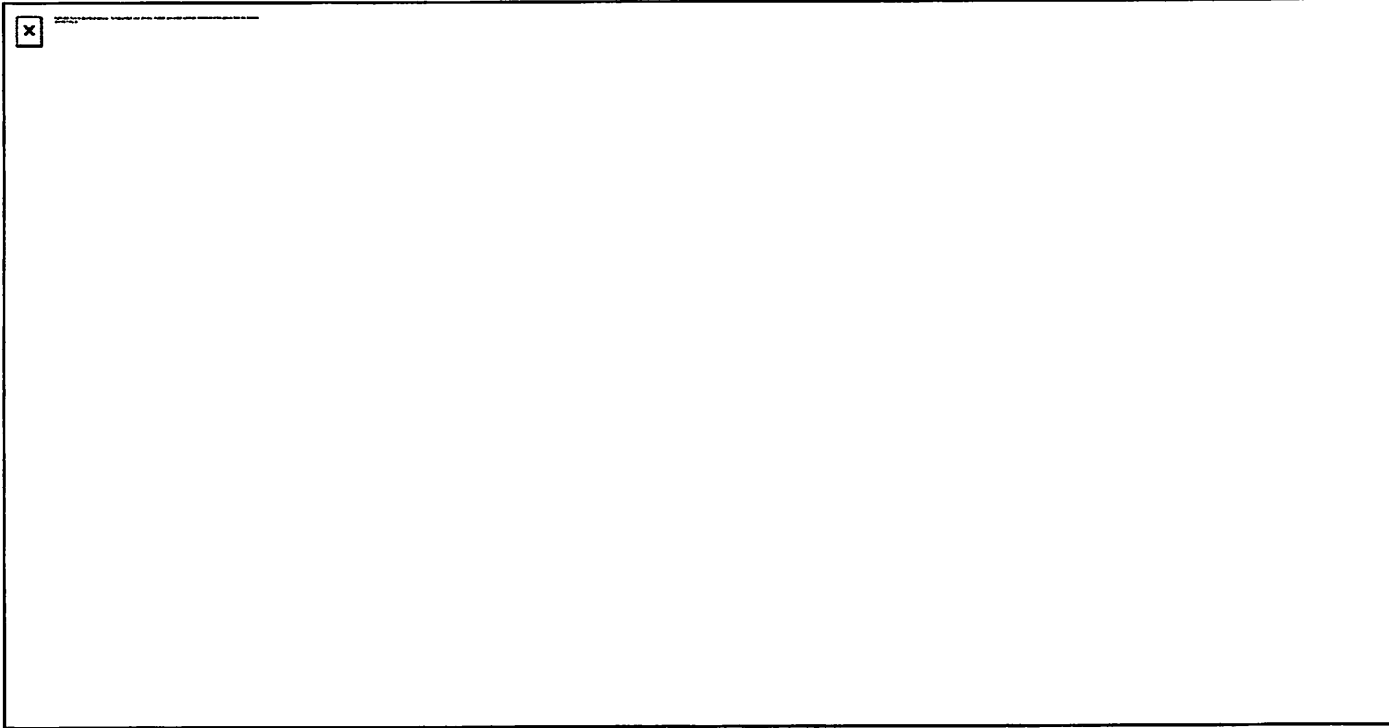
Best regards,

Sincerely,

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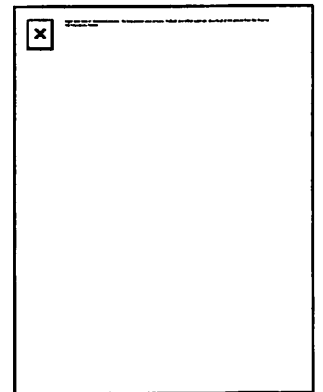
NATIONAL PILT ADVOCACY WEEK: WE NEED YOUR HELP BACK HOME!

This week, county officials from across the nation will descend on Capitol Hill to advocate for the Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program. We encourage you to use the materials NACo has developed to strengthen our advocacy efforts back in your home counties.

Sixty-two percent of counties contain federal public lands. Counties cannot collect property tax on this land, yet must still provide essential services for residents and visitors. The PILT program supports county services including road and bridge maintenance, law enforcement, search and rescue operations, fire protection, solid waste disposal and environmental compliance.

This year, the Secure Rural Schools (SRS) program is also an important issue for county governments. The lapse in SRS reauthorization has a direct impact on PILT funding, and is another crucial matter for Congress to address this year.

The National Association of Counties (NACo) encourages county officials to contact your members of Congress, engage the local news media and use social media to advocate for full mandatory funding of the PILT program for FY 2017 and beyond. NACo has developed a PILT advocacy toolkit and resource hub to assist with your efforts. NACo also has a policy brief with tools for advocating SRS reauthorization.



[Click here to download the toolkit.](#)

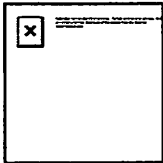
JOIN THE CAPITOL HILL BRIEFING VIRTUALLY

NACo and our Western Interstate Region will host a briefing on Capitol Hill to share the importance of the PILT program with members of Congress and their staffs. **If you are unable to attend the briefing in Washington, D.C., we will post the video of the briefing on our YouTube channel.**

The briefing will take place on **Thursday, Sept. 7, 2017 from 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. EDT.** Several county officials and members of Congress are expected to speak, including:

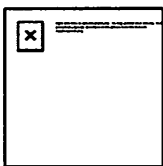
- Sen. Jeff Flake (R-Ariz.)
- Chairman Rob Bishop (R-Utah)
- Rep. Bruce Westerman (R-Ark.)
- Rep. Tom McClintock (R-Calif.)
- President of NACo's Western Interstate Region and Sublette County, Wyo. Commissioner Joel Bousman
- NACo Past President and Leon County, Fla. Commissioner Bryan Desloge
- County Manager Becky Garland of Graham County, N.C.
- NACo Executive Director Matthew Chase

TAKE ACTION!



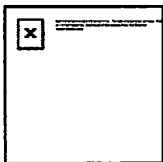
WRITE YOUR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

A sample letter to Congress is included in the PILT Advocacy Toolkit.



PUBLISH AN OP-ED OR LETTER TO THE EDITOR IN YOUR LOCAL NEWSPAPER

The toolkit also includes a sample op-ed and letter to the editor along with talking points on the importance of PILT to help you write your own.



ENGAGE YOUR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Remember to tag your members of Congress in your tweets and Facebook posts. Sample tweets and posts for social media are provided in the toolkit.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
