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FY2014 Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Payments in Jeopardy

Urge Congress to Fund the PILT Program In the Final FY2014 Appropriations Measure

Dear NACo Members and Friends:

Please join the National Association of Counties (NACo) in urging Congress to fund the PILT program! Congress has not yet acted to provide FY2014 funding for the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program (administered through the U.S. Department of the Interior), which has caused much concern for counties that have already begun the budget process for next year. Without congressional action, counties will be forced to implement budget contingency plans—making cuts to critical local government services.

NACo will be holding an important national conference call tomorrow, December 19 at 1:00pm (EASTERN) to discuss recent developments and actions counties can take to help.

- Conference Call Date and Time: Thursday, December 19, 2013 at 1:00pm EASTERN
- Conference Call Number: 719.955.0562
- Passcode: 696528

Immediate Action Needed on PILT

1. **Urge your House Members to contact House leaders and members of the House Appropriations Committee to request that PILT funding be included in the final FY2014 spending measure. Click [here](#) to view a list and contact information for House**

Leaders and Members of the House Appropriations Committee. Staff contact information has been provided.

2. Urge your Senators to sign on to the PILT "Dear Colleague" letter sponsored by Senator Tom Udall (D-NM) and Senator Mike Enzi (R-WY). **The deadline for Senators to sign on to the letter is this Friday, December 20. Click here to view the letter.**

If your Senator would like to add their name to the letter, please have their congressional staff contact Darrin Munoz (Sen. Enzi) at Darrin_Munoz@enzi.senate.gov or Jeanette Lukens (Sen. Udall) at Jeanette_Lukens@tomudall.senate.gov.

3. NACo is sending a **letter** to House and Senate Appropriations Committee leaders calling on them to fund PILT in FY2014. We need as many county officials, state associations of counties and other stakeholder groups to sign the letter as soon as possible! **PLEASE DISTRIBUTE THIS TO YOUR NETWORKS!** Click [here](#) to view the letter and [here](#) to sign on.

Background on PILT

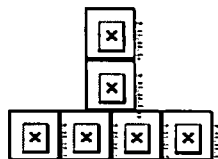
The PILT program provides payments to counties and other local governments to offset losses in tax revenues due to the presence of tax-exempt federal land in their jurisdictions. Counties with federal land in their jurisdictions often provide vital services on those lands, such as solid waste management, search and rescue and emergency medical services. Any delay or reduction of PILT dollars will disrupt county operations. Counties nationwide request swift passage of legislation to extend mandatory PILT funding for FY2014 and beyond.

NACo Resources on PILT

- To View NACo's recently released presentation on PILT, click [here](#)
- To view NACo's policy brief on PILT, click [here](#)

**If you have any questions or comments, please contact
NACo Associate Legislative Director Ryan Yates at ryates@naco.org or [202.942.4207](tel:202.942.4207)**

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