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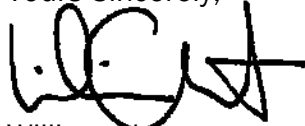
Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

The California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions respectfully requests that you **sign Senate Bill 1458** which is now before you for action. Authored by the Senate Local Government Committee, SB 1458 rewrites the County Service Area Law.

Based on the careful work of the Working Group on Revising the County Service Area Law, SB 1458 modernizes the state statutes that assign CSAs their policies, powers, and procedures. As the bill itself says, "County boards of supervisors need alternative organizations and methods to finance and provide needed public facilities and services to the residents and property owners of unincorporated areas." SB 1458 achieves that goal. In addition it significantly improves and streamlines the process for formation and changes in CSAs by bringing the law into consistency with the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act.

Legislators have not thoroughly revised the CSA Law since the Legislature first enacted this statute in 1953. Over the last 55 years, scores of bills have made piecemeal changes, resulting in a statute that is hard for taxpayers and county officials to understand and use. Because this proposed revision is long overdue, we urge you to sign SB 1458 into law.

Yours Sincerely,



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