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June 9, 2009

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger Governor of California State Capitol Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Opposition to borrowing local property tax revenues; shifting other local revenues to State

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

The Kern County Board of Supervisors has adopted the attached resolution in opposition to State Budget proposals to borrow 8% of local property taxes and to shift other local revenues to the State General Fund.

If enacted, the borrowing provisions would remove nearly \$21 million in property taxes from the Kern County General Fund and more than \$5 million from our Fire Fund in FY 2009-10. The Department of Finance also proposes to permanently shift the entire local share of gasoline excise taxes from counties and cities in order to retire State debt, which would remove \$14 million in FY 2009-10 from the Kern County Roads Department budget. Forcible borrowing of local property taxes and shifting other local revenues such as gasoline excise taxes to the State will devastate County services this year and for many years to come, and it will only shift the State's fiscal problems into future years.

For these reasons, our Board strongly opposes State borrowing of local property tax and any other attempt to shift local revenues to the State Budget.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Roy Ashburn California State Senate State capitol, Room 3063 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Opposition to borrowing local property tax revenues; shifting other local revenues to State

Dear Senator Ashburn:

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The Honorable Dean Florez California State Senate State capitol, Room 5061 Sacramento, CA 95814

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The Honorable Jean Fuller California State Assembly State Capitol, Room 3098 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Opposition to borrowing local property tax revenues; shifting other local revenues to State

Dear Assembly Member Fuller:

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The Honorable Connie Conway California State Assembly State Capitol, Room 2174 Sacramento, CA 95814

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Dear Assembly Member Conway:

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The Honorable Danny Gilmore California State Assembly State Capitol, Room 5126 Sacramento, CA 95814

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Dear Assembly Member Gilmore:

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