



RURAL COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES
OF CALIFORNIA

June 1, 2023

The Honorable Ben Allen
Chair, Senate Environmental Quality Committee
1021 O Street, Suite 3230
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Assembly Bill 1115 (Papan) – SUPPORT
As Introduced, February 15, 2023**

Dear Senator Allen:

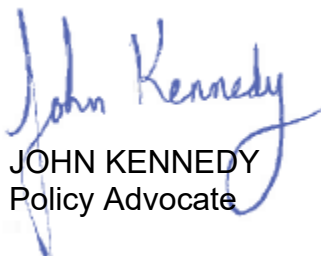
On behalf of the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), we support Assembly Bill 1115 (Papan), regarding the Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund. RCRC is an association of forty rural California counties and the RCRC Board of Directors is comprised of elected supervisors from each of those member counties.

Assembly Bill 1115 extends operation of the state's Underground Storage Tank (UST) Cleanup Fund until January 1, 2036. This program helps assist UST owners and operators pay for the costs of cleaning up releases from leaking USTs. Many local governments, businesses, and residents in our communities are UST owners/operators and are claimants under the UST Cleanup Fund.

RCRC is pleased to support AB 1115 to extend operation of the program as we believe it is vital to facilitate both current and future remediation activities. Without the UST Cleanup Fund, remediation costs could easily become debilitating for many smaller local governments, businesses, and residents in our communities.

For the above reasons, RCRC supports AB 1115. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at jkennedy@rcrcnet.org.

Sincerely,



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