

March 21, 2023

The Honorable Kelly Seyarto Member, California State Senate 1021 O Street, Room 7120 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Senate Bill 367 – Support As Amended March 16, 2023

Dear Senator Seyarto:

On behalf of the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), we are pleased to support your Senate Bill 367, regarding illegal dumping. 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.

Senate Bill 367 expands the state's Farm and Ranch cleanup program to fund the cleanup and abatement of illegally dumped solid waste on lands owned by the state or federal government.

Illegal dumping continues to be a serious problem in many parts of the state, especially in unincorporated rural areas. Local governments spend a considerable amount of money each year responding to and cleaning up illegally disposed waste. Illegal dumping is not confined to local government rights of way and private lands, but has become more and more of a problem on state and federal lands. SB 367 seeks to create a new pathway to help local governments fund cleanup of illegal dumping on those lands. We sincerely appreciate your efforts to establish a simplified program that minimizes administrative burdens and obligations for local agencies. We also acknowledge that your bill seeks to prevent increased competition for scarce Farm and Ranch cleanup funding.

For the above reasons, RCRC is pleased to support your SB 367. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at <a href="mailto:jkennedy@rcrcnet.org">jkennedy@rcrcnet.org</a>.

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Sincerely,

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