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**Board of Supervisors
County of El Dorado
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RE: BOS Agenda February 28, 2012, Item 24, Legistar #12-0266

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The purpose of this letter is to document the comments I made to you during the Mid-Year Budget Report regarding Public Safety Sales Tax (Prop 172). Certain members of your Board have had discussions with the County's small rural fire districts regarding transferring the County's Prop 172 Revenue to the aforementioned fire districts.

The County's Public Safety Sales Tax revenue is vital to the continued delivery of services by our Sheriff, District Attorney, and Probation Department. A transfer of Prop 172 Revenues to outside districts will have a significant adverse affect on our County's ability to deliver public safety services and a significant adverse affect on the 2012-13 Budget.

Further, it was the Legislature's intent that Prop 172 monies be apportioned to agencies that loss funds due to the 1993-1994 ERAF shift. Generally, the County's west slope rural fire districts did not lose any significant revenues in the 1993-1994 ERAF shift.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


Joe Harn
Auditor-Controller