



May 4, 2012

The Honorable Christine Kehoe
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 5050
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: SB 1241 (Kehoe) – Land Use/Fire Safety
As Amended on May 3, 2012 -- REMOVAL OF OPPOSITION**

Dear Senator Kehoe:

On behalf of the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) and the Regional Council of Rural Counties (RCRC) we are pleased to inform you that we are removing our opposition to your SB 1241 in light of the recent amendments.

SB 1241 would require cities and counties to review and update their General Plan's Safety Element to address fire risks on land classified as State Responsibility Area (SRA) and very high fire hazard severity zones. The bill would also require counties to make specified findings before approving a tentative map for an area located in a SRA or a very high fire hazard severity zone.

As amended on May 3, SB 1241 includes amendments that address our concerns with the costs associated with its implementation, linkage with the housing element update, and duplicative requirements.

We truly appreciate the time you, and your staff have taken to address the concerns of counties.

Sincerely,

Kathy Mannion
RCRC Legislative Advocate

Karen Keene
CSAC Senior Legislative Representative