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The Honorable Salud Carbajal
Member, U.S. House of Representatives
2331 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Coronavirus Relief Package - Direct Funding for Local Governments

Dear Representative Carbajal:

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cc: Members of the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors



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Member, U.S. House of Representatives
2081 Rayburn House Office Building
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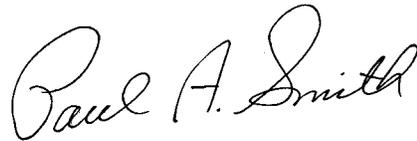
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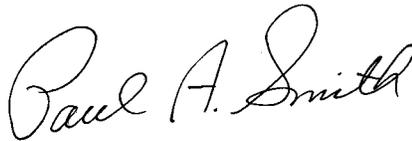
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Members of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors
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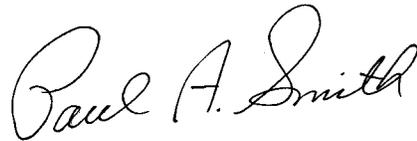
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The Honorable Doug La Malfa
Member, U.S. House of Representatives
322 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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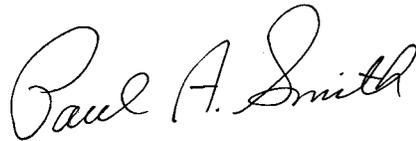
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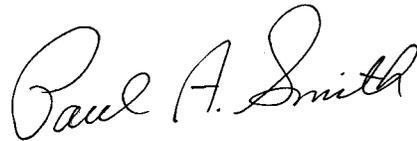
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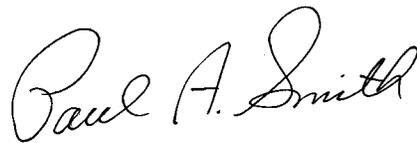
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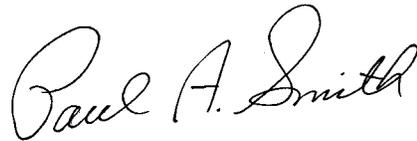
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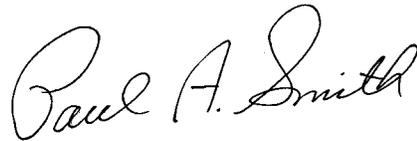
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cc: Members of the Monterey County Board of Supervisors
Members of the San Benito County Board of Supervisors



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Member, U.S. House of Representatives
268 Cannon House Office Building
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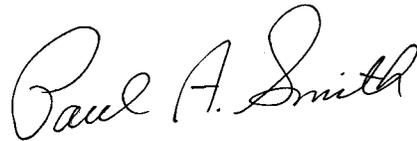
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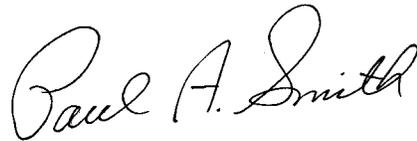
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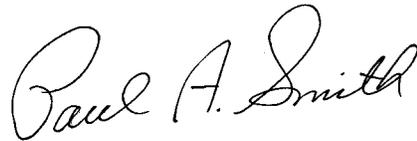
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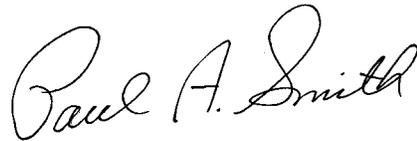
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