



September 3, 2021

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor, State of California  
State Capitol, First Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Assembly Bill 428 (Mayes) – REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE**

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), I respectfully request your signature on Assembly Bill 428. AB 428, authored by Assembly Member Chad Mayes, would ensure that county Boards of Supervisors that are subject to a term limit are limited to no fewer than two terms, and clarifies that county Boards of Supervisors are responsible for prescribing compensation for all county officers. RCRC is an association of thirty-seven rural California counties, and the RCRC Board of Directors is comprised of one elected supervisor from each member county.

Recently, San Bernardino County voters approved Measure K in the November 2020 General Election, which limits future members of the Board of Supervisors to a single, four-year term and limits the compensation of members of the Board to \$5,000 per month. RCRC is concerned that while term limits can serve an important purpose in communities that choose to pass them, adoption of limits such as Measure K in other counties would eliminate the institutional knowledge and experience that comes with serving multiple terms on a Board of Supervisors, and would discourage qualified, civic-minded citizens from seeking candidacy.

County governments are tasked with myriad programs and responsibilities that impact residents such as emergency response, public health, road maintenance and repair, land use and planning, child protective services, and countless other services. RCRC believes that by ensuring at least two terms, AB 428 will allow elected county supervisors the opportunity to gain the necessary experience to manage and implement the myriad complicated responsibilities undertaken by county governments.

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Again, RCRC respectfully requests your signature on AB 428.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Mary-Ann Warmerdam". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

MARY-ANN WARMERDAM  
Senior Vice President Governmental Affairs

cc: The Honorable Chad Mayes, Member of the State Assembly