February 15, 2022

The Honorable Jim Patterson

California State Assembly

State Capitol, Room 3132

Sacramento, CA 95814

**Subject: AB 1773 (Patterson) Williamson Act: subvention payments: appropriation – SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Patterson:

The Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors is writing this letter to express our full support of AB 1773, which would preserve open space and conserve agricultural land by allocating $40 million from the General Fund to the Williamson Act for the purpose of subvention payments. Please find attached a letter that was sent from the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors to California State Treasurer Fiona Ma, and a letter of support for previous versions of this proposed bill, outlining the importance of the Williamson Act to Siskiyou County, and the need restore funding under the Williamson Act (which has remained un-funded since 2009).

We deeply appreciate your attention to this issue and look forward to seeing the Bill progress and funding restored. If you have any questions, or need any further support from Siskiyou County, please feel free to contact Elizabeth Nielsen, Deputy County Administrator, at enielsen@co.siskiyou.ca.us or (530) 842-8012.

This letter was approved by the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors on February 15, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Sincerely,

Brandon A. Criss, Chair

Board of Supervisors

cc: Senator Brian Dahle

 Assemblywoman Meghan Dahle

 Rural County Representatives of California

 California State Association of Counties