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Board of Supervisors, Placer County, California
Letter to Senator Mills accompanying Resolution 79-263:

Requesting Inquiry into the Constitutionality of Regional Government



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Senator James R. Mills
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Room 5100
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, Ca. 95814

Dear Senator Mills:

As Chairman of the Placer County Board of Supervisors, I wish to call your attention to the enclosed Resolution 79-263 "Requesting Inquiry Into the Constitutionality of Regional Government" recently adopted by our Board.

Research has led us to believe that the regional government concept being implemented under various names and for various reasons has usurped and eroded the duties of elected officials as prescribed in the Constitution. By means of this resolution, which has been sent to the Governor, Attorney General and the Boards of Supervisors of the other 57 California counties, we hope to raise sufficient doubts regarding the legality of Regional Government to cause a thorough research into the matter.

Distrust of all government processes is the underlying theme of the general public at this point in time and we believe that much of this is incurred because that government process is being further removed from the citizen by the regional concept. The private citizen wants control over his destiny through the official elected to represent him through the ballot box procedure. This is denied him when entities are formed whose governing bodies are largely made up of appointees who are only responsible to the appointing authority rather than to the electorate.

This Board of Supervisors urgently seeks your support and assistance in a thorough research into the matter with a view toward returning local control to locally elected officials.

Very truly yours,


Alex Ferreira, Chairman
Placer County Board of Supervisors