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Honorable Jerry Brown
Governor, State of California
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: **AB 2119 (Stone)** Local taxes: transactions and use taxes. **Request for Signature.**

Dear Governor Brown,

MuniServices joins a coalition of the State's local governments and respectfully requests your signature on AB 2119. The bill would authorize a county board of supervisors to levy, increase, or extend transactions and use (district) taxes, for general or specific purposes within an unincorporated area of a county, if the ordinance purposing the tax is approved by the voters of the unincorporated area.

Under current law, residents in an unincorporated area of a county do not have the same ability to tax themselves as the residents in a city or incorporated area. As a partner to local government, we have encouraged and supported policy tools for revenue enhancement and protection. For example, MuniServices supported AB 686 in 2011 (Chapter No. 176) and AB 1126 in 2012 (Chapter No. 739), which related to decreasing the increment or percentage rate at which a city or county may levy a transactions and use tax upon voter approval.

For 35 years, MuniServices has partnered with many of our State's municipal governments as a full-service provider of revenue enhancement services – helping municipalities preserve, enhance and manage their revenue base. Working exclusively with public agencies, MuniServices' offerings encompass every municipal tax source including district taxes. We believe measures such as AB 2119 represent favorable policy to present to local voters especially when a public agency is unable to meet funding shortfalls. **For these reasons we respectfully request your signature on AB 2119.**

If you any questions, or if I can be of any assistance, please contact me or my colleague Fran Mancina, Vice President of Government Relations, at 559.288.7296 or Fran.Mancia@MuniServices.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Brenda Narayan'.

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cc: Assembly Member Mark Stone