



# **Board of County Commissioners Presentation February 19, 2019**

## **Proposed Federal Legislative Agenda**

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# Guiding Legislative Agenda Principles

1. Support legislation that grants counties greater flexibility.
2. Support legislation that provides funding to counties.
3. Oppose legislation that removes authority from counties.
4. Oppose legislation that creates unfunded mandates or directly or indirectly shifts costs to counties.



# Federal Priority Areas

Health and Human Services

Education and Community Development

Infrastructure and Finance

Public Safety and Criminal Justice



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