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Press Release: Statement From Shasta County Executive Officer Regarding Governor Newsom's December 16th Visit to Shasta County

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Shasta County is disappointed that Governor Gavin Newsom chose to visit our community today to make an announcement regarding a program aimed at expanding access to higher education in rural areas, without engaging or coordinating with any local elected officials.

While we welcome and strongly support initiatives that enhance opportunities for residents in rural communities like Shasta County, it is disheartening that our local leadership was neither informed nor included in today's announcement. Collaboration and partnership between state and local governments are essential to ensure that programs like this are truly impactful and aligned with the unique needs of our community.

Shasta County's Board of Supervisors and local leaders work tirelessly to advance education, economic development, and quality of life for our residents. A program of this magnitude one that could directly affect our community's future deserves local input, dialogue, and coordination to maximize its success.

We would encourage the Governor's Office to engage Shasta County leadership in future discussions about programs aimed to help our residents. Together, we can achieve outcomes that are both meaningful and sustainable for our residents.

Shasta County remains committed to fostering greater access to education and stands ready to work collaboratively with the State of California to ensure the success of initiatives that benefit our community.

David J. Rickert
Shasta County Executive Officer

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