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Honorable El Dorado County Board of Supervisors;

This letter is to express my concerns regarding the potential lack of enforcement for the proposed changes to Ordinance 5186 (Chapter 8.09 - Vegetation Management and Defensible Space) as presented by the Office of Wildfire Preparedness and Resilience. During one of the workshops presented by County staff, County Counsel representative Ted Wood made it clear that enforcement has not been and will not be exercised. As we have seen with the enactment of other County ordinances - such as vacation rentals - a regulation without enforcement is not effective.

For those troubled with the idea of private property rights being abused, I would remind you that defensible space laws already exist - and have since the 1940s. It only makes sense to enact local regulations that keep our neighborhoods safer.

I hope that you will approve the proposed changes to Ordinance 5186. The Caldor and Mosquito Fires will not be the last major wildfires that we experience in El Dorado County, thus it makes sense to protect our homes and neighborhoods by implementing defensible space measures.

Thank you!
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