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March 26, 2013

The Honorable Fran Pavley, Chair
Senate Natural Resources and Water
State Capitol, Room 4035
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Support for Senate Bill 125

Dear Senator Pavley:

The Board of Supervisors for the County of El Dorado supports Senate Bill 125 by Senator Gaines to exempt property owners in the State Responsibility Area who also live within the boundaries of fire protection district from the State Fire Prevention Fee.

According to GIS data from the County Surveyor's Office, in El Dorado County there are 65,671 privately owned parcels in the State Responsibility Area that are also partially or completely within the boundaries of a local fire protection district. These property owners already pay ad valorem taxes to local fire protections districts and in most cases, an additional special tax or assessment. Local districts already provide a both fire prevention and fire protection benefits to property owners they serve.

Thank you for your consideration of Senate Bill 125. Should you or your staff have any questions about this matter, please contact Chief Administrative Officer Terri Daly at (530) 621-5530.

Sincerely,

Ron Briggs, Chair
Board of Supervisors
County of El Dorado

cc: Senator Anthony Cannella, Vice Chair, Senate Natural Resources and Water
Senator Ted Gaines
Assembly Member Beth Gaines
Assembly Member Frank Bigelow