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April 10, 2012

The Honorable Felipe Fuentes, Chair
Assembly Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 2114
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Assembly Member Fuentes:


The El Dorado County Board of Supervisors supports Assembly Bill 1506 to repeal the \$150 fire prevention fee in State Responsibility Areas.

Fire prevention and protection in El Dorado County is predominantly provided by local fire protection districts. These services are funded through the fire districts' share of the local property tax. In some cases, residents have even assessed themselves an additional fee to support the capability of local fire districts.

There are approximately 62,000 dwelling units in El Dorado County potentially subject to the state fire fee. Most of these homes however are within the jurisdiction of local fire protection districts. In short, the state fire fee requires property owners to pay twice for fire prevention service. However, CalFire is often not a first responder to fires and other emergency incidents in in El Dorado County.

Thank you for the Committee's consideration of AB 1506. Should you or your staff need any additional information regarding the impact of this fee on El Dorado County, please contact Terri Daly, Chief Administrative Officer at (530) 621-5530.

Sincerely,
County of El Dorado


John R. Knight, Chair
Board of Supervisors
County of El Dorado

cc: The Honorable Diane L. Harkey, Vice-Chair, Assembly Appropriations Committee
The Honorable Kevin Jeffries
The Honorable Paul Cook
The Honorable Beth Gaines
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