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March 23, 2022

The Honorable Tom McClintock
United States House of Representatives
2312 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, CA 20515

The Honorable Doug LaMalfa
United States House of Representatives
408 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, CA 20515

RE: H.R. 6903—Wildfire Suppression Bill—SUPPORT

Dear Representatives McClintock and LaMalfa,

On behalf of the Placer County Board of Supervisors, I write to support your efforts to reduce catastrophic wildfires with your recently introduced bill H.R. 6903 "To requires the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out activities to suppress wildfires, and for other purposes." With overgrown forest lands across the West stricken by drought, it is essential that we respond quickly to wildfires to prevent them from threatening lives, communities, and infrastructure in Placer County.

Your bill calls upon "all available resources to carry out wildfire suppression." An example of this approach in action was the River Fire, which threatened the community of Colfax, California, in August of 2021. This fire destroyed 142 structures and parts of critical infrastructure but was prevented from destroying the entire Colfax community because of a well-resourced and responsive firefighting network. Placer County urges all necessary federal resources to be made available to the United States Forest Service, including funding, equipment, and staff to suppress wildfires in order protect communities and infrastructure.

Thank you both for your continued effort to make western forest management and rural community fire safety a high-profile issue in Congress. With your assistance, we are making significant progress towards community fire safety and forest thinning efforts in Placer County. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of any help in further supporting your respective offices on this matter.

Sincerely,

COUNTY of PLACER

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cindy Gustafson".

Cindy Gustafson, Chair (District 5)

Cc: The Honorable Members of the House Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry
Placer County Board of Supervisors
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