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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 147

Dear Senator Pavley:

The Board of Supervisors for the County of El Dorado supports Senate Bill 147 by Senator Gaines to exempt property owners from the State Fire Prevention Fee if the property owner has an income of less than 200% of the federal poverty level.

The annual fire prevention fee creates a financial hardship for many low-income seniors and families. The Board of Supervisors remains opposed to the fire prevention fee and would prefer a complete repeal. However, if the Legislature maintains the fire prevention fee, creating an exemption for financially stressed property owners is reasonable. According to U.S. Census data, there are approximately 12,000 El Dorado County families earning less than 200% of the federal poverty level. While not all of these families own property within the State Responsibility Area, Senate Bill 147 clearly has the potential to help a significant number of residents.

Thank you for your consideration of Senate Bill 147. 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  
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