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## Sent via Email

The Honorable Tom McClintock United States House of Representatives 2313 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Doug LaMalfa United States House of Representatives 408 Canon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Representatives McClintock and LaMalfa:

The Placer Business Alliance is pleased to lend support to your recently introduced bill "[t]o require the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out activities to suppress wildfires, and for other purposes." Our state and our county have been direly affected by drought, and thus catastrophic wildfires in recent years. As overgrowth in forest lands continues, we must act quickly to prevent the spread of wildfires to preserve lives, the environment, and infrastructure, as well as lessen economic impact on our business communities. Wildfire devastation is detrimental to the livelihoods of our affected residents, and we must put an end to the policy of allowing fires to burn.

This simple, yet necessary, bill that calls upon "all available resources to carry out wildfire suppression" would assuredly advance the objective of coordinating local, state and federal resources to protect our communities and businesses. We support all efforts for necessary federal resources to be made available to the United States Forest Services including funding, equipment, and staff to do so.

The Placer Business Alliance thanks you both for your steadfast efforts to promote western forest management and ensuring that rural community fire safety is a high priority issue in Congress. Should you have any questions or if we may be of further assistance in supporting this measure, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Kirk Uhler

**Executive Director**