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April 9, 2013

The Honorable Frank Bigelow  
P.O. Box 942849, Room 4116  
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The Honorable Bob Wieckowski  
P.O. Box 942849, Room 4016  
Sacramento, CA 94249-0025

Re: Letter of Support for the Forest Fire Prevention Act, AB 350

Dear Assembly members Bigelow and Wieckowski,

On behalf of El Dorado County, I am writing in support of the Forest Fire Prevention Act, AB 350, joint-authored by Assembly Members Bigelow and Wieckowski, which expands the diameter of a tree stump exempted from the Forest Fire Prevention Exemption under the Timber Harvest Plan.

California's forests provide our state with wildlife habitat, carbon sequestration, water supply, forest products and recreation. It is essential to our ecosystems and industry that we supply our private forest-land owners the tools necessary to protect our forests from destructive fires.

AB 350 would simply increase the diameter of the stump size under the FFPE exemption. Under AB 350, trees with a 28 inch stump diameter would qualify under the FFPE in most instances, and 34 inches where it is necessary to achieve the state's fuel reduction goals.

California's privately-owned forest lands offer a vast array of benefits and it is imperative we do everything we can to keep our forest flourishing and safe. That is why El Dorado County will be supporting Assembly member Bigelow and Assembly member Wieckowski's AB 350, the Forest Fire Prevention Act.

Sincerely,

Supervisor Ron Briggs  
Chair, Board of Supervisors