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September 22, 2020

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
Member, United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

RE: S. 4431 - Emergency Wildfire and Public Safety Act of 2020 – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Feinstein,

El Dorado County is pleased to support your recently introduced S. 4431, Emergency Wildfire and Public Safety Act, as it will help mitigate a very serious wildfire problem on Federal, State and private land in California.

The State of California continues to experience extreme wildfires that continue to ravage Federal, State and private land, destroying homes and killing people year after year. Reducing the threat of wildfire to communities is critical for California and a comprehensive approach as proposed in your bill is needed in order to mitigate these devastating fires.

The Emergency Wildfire and Public Safety Act would help advance the necessary forest management projects in a timely and collaborative manner while preventing catastrophic wildfires. El Dorado County is in full support of the initiatives of this bill that will:

- Reduce wildfire risks in federal forest
- Allow for private sector Biomass Facilities
- Improve best practices for addressing wildfire through early detection systems
- Create more resilient communities and energy grids

On behalf of El Dorado County, we thank you for your leadership in introducing S. 4431 and look forward to seeing the passage of this very important and much needed bill.

Sincerely,

Brian Veerkamp, Chair
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c. The Honorable Tom McClintock, US House of Representative