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The Honorable Alex Padilla
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Adam Schiff
112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mike Thompson
268 Cannon Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: SUPPORT – Lakeport Fire Protection Request for Funding for Replacement Fire Station

Dear Senators Padilla and Schiff:

On behalf of the Lake County Board of Supervisors, we are writing to express our support for the Lakeport Fire Protection District's (the District's) acquisition of property to construct a modern replacement fire station. Our Board is dedicated to working to provide the highest possible standard of emergency medical and fire services for our residents; this project is a critical step in fulfilling that mission.

The District is currently operating out of a facility originally built in 1929 and last remodeled in the 1960s. This building was never intended to serve as a fire station and has reached the end of its functional life. It suffers from severe structural deficiencies, fails to meet modern seismic safety standards, and lacks the space required to house modern apparatus and personnel. Consequently, the District has been forced to divert hundreds of thousands of dollars toward maintaining an obsolete structure—funds that should be directed toward life-saving services.

The District has identified what they believe is an ideal building site in downtown Lakeport, directly across from their current facility. This location would ensure emergency services remained centrally located, preserving rapid response times while providing the necessary infrastructure for modern operations. Replacing the current station is not merely a matter of convenience; it is a vital necessity for the health and safety of both our firefighters and the public.

Since 1894, the Lakeport Fire Protection District has served the community with a proven track record of excellence. We believe this acquisition is the right solution to ensure they can continue this legacy for the next century.

We appreciate your consideration of this proposal and its potential to lastingly and positively affect the safety of Lake County.

Respectfully,

Chair
Lake County Board of Supervisors
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