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The Honorable Adam Schiff
112 Hart Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Tim Sheehy
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RE: SUPPORT – The Facilitating Increased Resilience, Environmental Weatherization, and Lowered Liability Act (FIREWALL Act, S. 1323)

Dear Senators Schiff and Sheehy:

On behalf of the Lake County Board of Supervisors, thank you for introducing the bipartisan Facilitating Increased Resilience, Environmental Weatherization, and Lowered Liability Act (FIREWALL Act, S. 1323). We are grateful for your leadership on this important legislation, which addresses the growing insurance crisis confronting wildfire-prone communities like ours by encouraging proactive mitigation through targeted tax incentives.

Lake County has endured some of the most destructive wildfires in California history, including the Valley Fire, Rocky Fire, and Mendocino Complex Fire. These events devastated homes, displaced families, strained public resources, and disrupted our local economy. Today, our residents face not only the persistent threat of wildfire but also skyrocketing insurance premiums, shrinking availability of coverage, and an increasingly unstable insurance market.

The FIREWALL Act wisely focuses on risk reduction. By incentivizing wildfire-resistant construction, defensible space, and fire-hardened landscaping, the bill supports common-sense, evidence-based solutions that can significantly reduce property loss and community vulnerability. In doing so, it also creates a path toward stabilizing the insurance market and restoring access to affordable coverage in high-risk regions.

Lake County strongly supports the FIREWALL Act and stands ready to work with you to help ensure its swift advancement through Congress. Thank you again for your leadership and commitment to helping vulnerable communities prepare for and withstand the growing threat of catastrophic wildfires. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Hasan Sarsour, Lake County's federal representative, at 202-441-4516 or hs@paragonlobbying.com.
Respectfully,

Chair
Lake County Board of Supervisors
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Cc: Honorable Congressman Mike Thompson; Honorable Senator Adam Schiff