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March 28, 2017

[Name of Committee Chair]
[Applicable Committee Name]
1020 N. Street, RM []
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Letter of Support for Assembly Bill 211 (Bigelow): An act to amend Section 4214 of the Public Resources Code relating to fire prevention.

Dear [Name of Committee Chair],

The Nevada County Board of Supervisors submits this letter of support to express to the Committee of Natural Resources our support for AB 211. Specifically, the County is concerned over disproportionate allocation of funding to the counties for fire protection, a lack of oversight as to their use and a lack of local control and transparency to ensure property owners are receiving a direct benefit from the State Responsibility Area Fire Prevention Fee (SRA Fee).

Amending California Public Resources Code §4214 with additional requirements that include an itemized accounting of all expenditures of the SRA fees in the annual report will provide greater transparency and ultimately accountability on how SRA Fees are reported and used. This will assist the Legislature and the California State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection in advancing these goals. We respectfully urge the [applicable committee] to continue to support efforts that ensure that counties are receiving their proportionate services and tax uses for fire prevention through AB 211.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hank Weston,
Chair, Board of Supervisors

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