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Nevada County Board of Supervisors  
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Dear Chair Scofield,

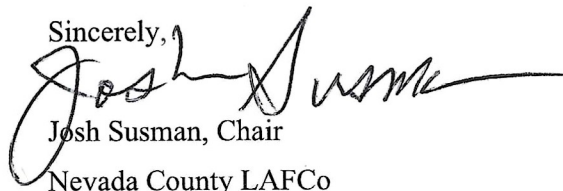
As Chair of the Nevada County Local Agency Formation Commission, I am pleased to see the Board of Supervisors considering entering into an agreement with the Penn Valley, Rough and Ready and Nevada County Consolidated Fire Districts to support their efforts to reorganize into a single fire and emergency response agency.

As we have all seen this year, the financial state of several of our fire agencies is precarious. The failure of even one agency would have serious and widespread impacts on public safety, given the coordinated response patterns of our emergency response providers.

Nevada LAFCo recognizes and appreciates the work of the Board's Fire Services Ad Hoc Committee (co-chaired by Supervisors Hoek and Swarouth) and County Executive Office staff to coordinate the County's support for a comprehensive effort to ensure lasting financial stability for critical fire and emergency response services.

LAFCo also applauds the dedication and tireless efforts of the officials and staff of each fire district. We realize the path forward is long, but with this coordinated approach and the support of the County, the future of fire and emergency response services in our county looks brighter.

Sincerely,



Josh Susman, Chair  
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