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The Honorable Tom McClintock
 United States House of Representatives
 2312 Rayburn House Office Building
 Washington, CA 20515

The Honorable Doug LaMalfa
 United States House of Representatives
 408 Cannon House Office Building
 Washington, CA 20515

RE: H.R. 6903 – Wildfire Suppression Bill - SUPPORT

Dear Representatives McClintock and LaMalfa:

On behalf of the Mountain Counties Water Resources Association (MCWRA) I write to support your efforts to reduce catastrophic wildfires with your recently introduced bill H.R. 6903 “To require the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out activities to suppress wildfires, and for other purposes.” With overgrown forest lands across the west stricken by drought, it is essential that we respond quickly to wildfires to prevent them from threatening lives, communities, and infrastructure in California’s mountain counties.

MCWRA advocates for the water interests of its members in 12 of the mountain counties within the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) of woodland and forested lands in the Sierra Nevada. These foothill and mountain areas contain the headwaters for 40% of the state’s developed water supply, which also provides for hydropower production, irrigation, recreation, water recycling, tourism, and instream flows that fuel the engine of our State’s economy.

The health of California's forested watershed and its water resources is of critical importance to all Californians. Thank you both for your continued diligence and effort to make western forest management and rural community fire safety a high-profile issue in Congress.

Sincerely,



Justin Caporusso, Executive Director
Mountain Counties Water Resources Association

Cc: Board of Directors, Mountain Counties Water Resources Association
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