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Lisa Davey-Bates
Executive Director
Lake County City/Area Planning Council
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Subject: Support for the Lake County Wildfire Evacuation and Preparedness Plan

Dear Ms. Davey-Bates,

I am writing in support of the Lake Area Planning Council's (APC) application for a Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant to prepare a Lake County Wildfire Evacuation and Preparedness Plan.

As a region that's experienced severe impacts from record-breaking wildfires over the past few years, Lake County's residents would greatly benefit from a thorough wildfire evacuation and preparedness plan. By identifying vulnerabilities in the geographically diverse areas of the County, identifying at-risk population groups that may need assistance during evacuations, and developing an emergency plan, our rural region will be better equipped to respond to emergency events in a coordinated manner.

With an older population (17% are 65 & older) and a high level of disability (21% of the population), having a safe and secure transportation plan that can be activated in an emergency will better protect all residents of Lake County.

As the Regional Transportation Planning Agency, Lake APC has an extensive history of partnering with local agencies to improve transportation in the region. The proposed plan would benefit newer agency staff in the event of turnover and absence of former staff members familiar with the previously relied upon procedures. We fully support this application for funding through the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program.

Sincerely,

Lake County Board of Supervisors

Moke Simon, District 1 Supervisor

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