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The Honorable Mike Thompson 268 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

RE: SUPPORT – Disaster Resiliency and Coverage Act of 2025

Dear Congressman Thompson:

On behalf of the Lake County Board of Supervisors, thank you for introducing the Disaster Resiliency and Coverage Act of 2025 (H.R. 1105). This critical legislation takes meaningful steps to address the growing insurance crisis by providing grants and tax incentives to help households and businesses implement proven wildfire mitigation strategies.

As wildfire risks intensify, our residents and businesses face soaring insurance premiums, widespread policy non-renewals, and a shrinking insurance market – creating an unsustainable financial burden on our community. The proactive investments in H.R. 1105 will not only protect individual properties but also strengthen community-wide resilience, reduce disaster recovery costs, and help stabilize the insurance market.

Lake County has experienced firsthand the devastating impacts of wildfires, from the Valley Fire, Mendocino Complex Fire, and Rocky Fire to the increasing frequency of red flag warnings and mandatory evacuations. These disasters underscore the urgent need for proactive mitigation measures and strong community protection strategies. Investing in wildfire-resistant landscaping, fire-safe building materials, and defensible space can significantly reduce the risk of property destruction and loss, while also driving long-term economic stability by lowering costs for property owners and insurers alike.

The urgency for action cannot be overstated. Wildfire mitigation is one of the most effective ways to protect lives, homes, and local economies while ensuring that residents in high-risk areas have access to affordable and sustainable insurance coverage. H.R. 1105 would provide critical tools to help communities like Lake County prepare for and withstand future wildfire threats, making it a crucial step toward long-term resiliency.

Lake County is proud to endorse this important measure and is committed to working with you to ensure its successful advancement. 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
COUNTY OF LAKE

Cc: Honorable Senator Alex Padilla; Honorable Senator Adam Schiff