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Subject: Letter of Support

Dear Dr. Holman,

The Lake County Board of Supervisors is writing to express our support for the proposal entitled “Cumulative Health Impacts of Cascading Environmental Hazards on Rural Communities” submitted by you and Dr. Farshid Vahedifard to the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The proposed research addresses the critical issue of health impacts resulting from exposure to environmental hazards on vulnerable communities in Lake County, particularly in the face of increasing wildfires, extreme weather events, and other compounding environmental challenges.

Our Board is all too familiar with the climate-related hazards impacting Lake County residents, as well as the ongoing local efforts to mitigate and address these concerns, such as the creation of a Chief Climate Resiliency Officer and Tribal Liaison (CCRO) position whose work for the County and in the community seeks solutions to address climate-related hazards.

If the project is selected for funding, our CCRO can participate on the Community Advisory Board in the following capacities:

1. Assessing and providing feedback on research progress every 6 months;
2. Joining project conference calls or advising as research questions arise; and
3. Providing insight on the integration of this project's findings and outputs with ongoing efforts in Lake County for a total commitment of about 12 hours per year for the next five years.

After reviewing the project’s goals and proposed activities, including the possible funds to cover participation, we strongly support this proposal and believe it has the potential to deliver valuable insights and solutions that will enhance the resilience and well-being of our community.

Respectfully,
COUNTY OF LAKE

Chair, Lake County Board of Supervisors