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RE: Chief Climate Resiliency Officer as Co-Investigator for Second Phase of Climate Health, Adaptation, and Resilience Mobilizing (CHARM) Lake County Project

Dear Ms. Wong,

The Lake County Board of Supervisors supports the County of Lake's Chief Climate Resilience Officer (CCRO) committing to serving as a Co-Investigator to your proposal to the National Institutes of Health for a second phase of the Climate Health, Adaptation, and Resilience Mobilization (CHARM) Lake County Project. The CCRO has been involved in supporting Phase I efforts, through membership on the CHARM Working Group and collaboration with the Tracking California and Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians teams on their community data collection activities. This work successfully identified critical community needs during emergencies, including extreme heat and cold events and has also contributed insights that informed the proposed Phase II intervention and study design. We believe that the implementation phase of this project will bring increased resilience, connection, and support to our most vulnerable communities. With these contributions, we can prevent cumulative health and economic impacts of future emergencies and disasters in these communities.

We understand that the CHARM Lake County project will continue to bring together Tribes, local governments, community advocates, and service providers such as community resilience center operators. These entities and organizations are already dealing with local emergency events and building community resilience for these events. Together, these partners will recruit and provide support to individuals and households in vulnerable populations and places, with the aim of creating a culture of emergency preparedness, community connectedness, and trust.

Lake County government, and in particular the CCRO, plays an important role in planning to keep Lake County's vulnerable populations safe during climate emergencies. This project will benefit those needing our services and may help build sustainable capacity within our staff to increase community resilience to climate stressors.

We are pleased to commit the CCRO to continued collaboration who looks forward to engaging with others working on this project. We am confident this effort will bring lasting benefits to our community, and we wish you success in your application for funding.

Respectfully,

COUNTY OF LAKE

Bruno Sabatier

Chair, Lake County Board of Supervisors