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March 5, 2019

Dear Colleague:

On behalf of firefighters, law enforcement officers and other first responders in Northern California, I am reaching out to ask for your support of a proposed North State Regional Training and Emergency Operations Center (Center) that was first brought to my attention by Yuba City Fire Chief Peter Daley.

I have submitted a Budget request to the California State Legislature of approximately \$23 million to be allocated from the General Fund for purposes of developing and building the Center, which would be located on approximately 7.5 acres of Yuba City-owned property. The Center would be used to provide multiple training opportunities to firefighting and law enforcement agencies throughout the region, as well as other governmental and non-governmental first responders in Northern California.

A site plan for development of the facility and a detailed cost estimate for the project are currently being worked on by the Yuba City Fire Department, and should be finalized in the next few months.

Given the devastating wildfires of 2017, and the Camp Fire of 2018, along with the need to be increasingly prepared for emergency situations involving law enforcement and first responders, it seems that now, more than ever, this facility is a vitally important addition to our North State community.

The North State Training and Emergency Operations Center is proposed to include, but is not limited to, the following training venues and features:

- Law Enforcement Indoor Training & Shooting Range
- Residential Burn House Venue
- Commercial Training Tower and Apartment Venue
- Confined Space Rescue Training Venue
- HazMat Training Venue
- Vehicle Extrication Equipment Training
- Wildland Fire Training
- Emergency Management Training & Remote Training in Classroom/EOC

The proposed multi-purpose facility would be the first of its kind in the region, and the only facility north of Sacramento, available to meet the state-mandated training needs of emergency responders. It would provide support and resources for not only Northern California agencies, but for the entire state. Most importantly, the facility would provide much needed financial relief to local agencies by serving as an easily accessible site for all Northern California agencies to train, certify, and prepare for future emergencies, including wildfires.

I am asking you to consider providing a letter of support for the proposed North State Training and Emergency Operations Center, and I have attached a sample letter for your review. If you would like to submit a letter of support on behalf of your agency, I ask that you do so on your agency stationary.

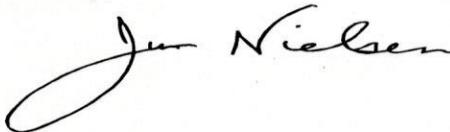
Letters of support can be emailed to Krysta.Wanner@sen.ca.gov or sent to:

Senator Jim Nielsen
State Capitol, Room 5064
Sacramento, CA 95814

I am looking forward to having you as an advocate and future user of the North State Training and Emergency Operations Center. Your letter of support will help this project come to fruition. If you have any questions or suggestions regarding this project, please feel free to contact my Legislative Aide, Krysta Wanner, at the Capitol Office at 916-651-4004.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Nielsen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

JIM NIELSEN
Senator, Fourth District