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The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor of the State of California
State Capitol
Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Newsom,

We are writing to extend our deepest appreciation to you for your support of AB 72, a spending bill that will backfill Lake County's property taxes resulting from repeated, devastating wildfires suffered here over the past three fire seasons.

As you well know, no other California County has suffered as much as Lake from unprecedented wildfire disasters, with 60% of our land mass burned and 1950 residential housing units lost, totaling 5.5% of our total housing supply. Property tax revenues are a major driver of government operations and local operations are severely impacted by these losses.

The funding Lake County will receive from this bill, AB 72, will appropriate \$3.84 million over the next three years to cover property tax losses from Lake County fires including the 2015 Rocky, Jerusalem, and Valley fires, 2016 Clayton fire, 2017 Sulphur fire, and 2018 Pawnee/Mendocino Complex/Ranch fires. These funds are greatly needed to enhance and sustain local recovery efforts which will be ongoing for many years to come.

We are extremely grateful to you and to our representatives, Senator Mike McGuire and Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry for your incredible advocacy and support for Lake County's recovery and vibrancy.

Sincerely,

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