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To: Cal Fire Wildfire Prevention Grant Program

Re: Operation Lake Co Ready Application

On behalf of the Clear Lake Environmental Research Center (CLERC), please accept this letter of support for Lake County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services and Lake County Fire Chief's Association to submit an application for the CAL FIRE Wildfire Prevention Grant Program project: *Operation Lake Co Ready*. If funded, the project will supply critical fire prevention education and supplies to the communities served by each of the fire districts in Lake County.

This project will support the wildfire and disaster resilience of Lake County and provide materials, education and supplies not currently available. CLERC works with many partners throughout Lake County and we play a major role in implementation of vegetation management projects for wildfire resilience in Lake County. The activities funded through the Lake County Sheriff's proposal will be a tremendous enhancement to the other wildfire resilience investments that CAL FIRE has already made in Lake County.

Lake County is nearly completely identified as *very high* or *severe* fire severity zones by CAL FIRE. Additionally, the County is one of the poorest in the State and has a high concentration of elderly and disabled residents. This project will meet the community in their neighborhoods, provide fire prevention supplies at no-cost and offer outreach that details budget friendly actions each household can undertake to prevent wildfire.

Thank you for considering this application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Will Evans".

Will Evans
Co-Founder and Executive Director