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To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the County of Lake, I am writing to express our support to the Lake County Resource Conservation District (LCRCD) for a Request for Proposal to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research – Forest Sector Market Development Grant to provide funding to the Lake County Risk Reduction Authority JPA. This effort reflects our shared commitment to fostering resilience, sustainability, and preparedness within our region.

LCRCD is a non-regulatory agency formed in 2016 after the consolidation of both the West and East Lake Resource Conservation Districts. The geographical sphere of influence spans all 1,256 square miles of Lake County. This organization is tasked with promoting and facilitating the sustainable conservation and use of natural resources and agriculture across Lake County. The LCRCD plays a crucial role in natural resources management, wildfire resiliency and forest stewardship by facilitating a number of programs including the Environmental Quality and Incentives Program and the Lake County Fire Safe Council's Defensible Space Program. This makes the LCRCD an ideal applicant for the proposed project.

The proposed Forest Sector Market Development Grant aligns perfectly with the objectives of our county. By working together with the LCRCD, we can leverage our collective expertise and resources to develop comprehensive resilience plans that address a wide range of potential hazards. This opportunity presents a unique platform to integrate various stakeholders, agencies, local, and tribal governments in a unified effort to enhance our county's utilization of biomass that imperils the safety of our communities in the face of threat of catastrophic wildfire.

We commend the LCRCD for taking the lead in pursuing this opportunity to support the Lake County Community Risk Reduction Authority JPA and by fostering collaboration among local and tribal governments. The County of Lake stands ready to provide any necessary support, whether in terms of technical expertise, data sharing, or coordination efforts, to ensure the success of the Forest Sector Market Development Grant.

Thank you for your dedication to the well-being of our community, and we look forward to the opportunity to collaborate closely on this vital endeavor.

Sincerely,

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Bruno Sabatier  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors