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Friday, Dec. 8, 2023

Cal Fire Wildfire Prevention
Grant Program

Re: Operation Lake Co Ready application

Dear grant team,

On behalf of the Lucerne Area Revitalization Association, please accept this letter of support for the Lake County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services and Lake County Fire Chief's Association's 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 also will support the wildfire and disaster resilience of Lake County and its many tribal nations, and provide materials, education and supplies not currently available.

This would make possible a number of public outreach efforts, including participation at annual fairs and safety events which draw thousands of Lake County residents, as well as fire safety training, and the ability for community members to acquire essential firefighting tools such as hand tools and fire extinguishers.

Why is this so important?

Cal Fire has identified nearly all of Lake County's land mass as falling within the very high or high fire severity zones by Cal Fire. Additionally, Lake County is one of the poorest in the state and has a high concentration of elderly and disabled residents.

This project will meet residents 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. In every way, it promises to strengthen Lake County's ability to prepare and keep fires from happening.

Thank you for considering this application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Jensen", with a stylized, flowing script.

John Jensen, president