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January 4, 2021

To the Honorable Governor Gavin Newsom:

This letter is in support of our Lake County Fairgrounds. So many of our residents and organizations in the County of Lake have found the County Fair to be a large part of our lives. From youth organizations to our many non-profits who depend upon the existence of the Fair to support their many functions, to the general populace who enjoy the Annual lake County Fair, to envision this County without our Fair is not acceptable.

The annual revenue benefit to the entire County plus the jobs it supports, our various community organizations depend upon the Fair for their fundraising events. Again, from youth organizations to community-wide nonprofits, the Fair provides a venue for these activities, a venue that is non-existent elsewhere in the County.

The Fair has been indispensable through our many disasters especially since 2015. It has provided State and local agencies a location to establish and coordinate disaster headquarters which has benefited all of Lake County.

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to be devastating to everyone. Challenges facing counties to provide housing/support at fairgrounds for COVID-19 issues when they cannot afford to pay the fairgrounds compound all issues many times over. This county lacks alternative resources to provide such facilities. It is truly imperative that a review of AB1499 is undertaken immediately to release funds to keep them a viable resource for our County.

Thank you for your attention to this request made on behalf of the Lake County Chamber of Commerce, our members and all the residents of the County of Lake.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Melissa Fulton".

Melissa Fulton, CEO/CTA

cc: County of Lake Board of Supervisors
Board of Directors, Lake County Chamber of Commerce