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Ms. Edith Hannigan,

The accumulation of wildland fuels produces an increased fire risk for wildland and urban areas alike. The fires produced by these conditions have escalated losses in lives, homes, the economy, and infrastructure. These losses go beyond jurisdictional boundaries and requires a statewide strategy.

The proposed Vegetation Treatment Program Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (VTP PEIR) would create a streamlined process for communities to engage in prevention projects that would reduce hazardous vegetative fuel conditions and restore ecosystem resiliency.

The VTP PEIR provides a much-needed program for communities to engage in fire prevention projects. By opening a new path to CEQA compliance, the VTP PEIR provides a framework for agencies to plan and implement fuel reduction and ecosystem resiliency projects to protect their communities from wildfire. I would like to lend my support to the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection in the development of the VTP PEIR.

Sincerely,

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