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Honorable Gavin Newsom
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

Submitted via email
Leg.Unit@gov.ca.gov

**RE: Support Request for Assembly Bill 2330 (AB 2330): Endangered species:
incidental take: wildfire preparedness activities.**

Dear Governor Newsom:

I am writing on behalf of the City of La Verne to urge your support and signature on AB 2330, a vital piece of legislation that has earned broad backing from various stakeholders, including the League of California Cities (Cal Cities), Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), California Special Districts Association (CSDA), and numerous fire chiefs' associations across the state.

AB 2330 seeks to establish a voluntary, streamlined process for local agencies to submit wildfire preparedness programs to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) for approval, which is critical in fire hazard severity zones adjacent to communities, where the risk of catastrophic wildfires continues to grow due to climate extremes.

California has seen its largest, most destructive, and deadliest wildfires in recent years, highlighting the urgent need for accelerated wildfire preparedness activities. This bill provides local agencies with an efficient pathway to conduct vegetative management activities while ensuring compliance with environmental laws and protecting our state's diverse ecosystems.

By signing AB 2330, you will empower local agencies to better protect communities and natural resources from the escalating threat of wildfires, while maintaining essential environmental oversight and collaboration with state agencies.

Thank you for considering this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Tim Hepburn
Mayor

C: City Council
Ken Domer, City Manager