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April 30, 2025

The Honorable Mike Crapo
Chairman
Senate Committee on Finance
219 Dirkson Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Ron Wyden
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Finance
219 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Adam Schiff
United States Senate
112 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Support for Senate Bill 1323, the Facilitating Increased Resilience, Environmental Weatherization and Lowered Liability (FIREWALL) Act.

Dear Senator Crapo, Wyden, and Schiff,

On behalf of the La Vere City Council, we express our strong support of S. 1323, the FIREWALL Act, to establish a refundable tax credit for disaster mitigation expenditures. This legislation is both timely and essential to the City of La Verne as we face increasing risk from wildfires, floods, and other natural disasters.

S. 1323 addresses these challenges by providing direct assistance to homeowners for retrofit projects to disaster-proof their homes. This credit is not only useful in enabling La Verne residents to afford these types of upgrades but would also reduce the cost of disaster relief programs and insurance premiums for my community. Every dollar spent on disaster mitigation pays dividends when disasters happen, and as we saw with the L.A. fires earlier this year, Californian's continue to face an elevated level of risk.

I appreciate your leadership and urge your consideration of this bipartisan solution. This policy empowers residents, supports local resilience efforts, and reflects California's urgent need for pre-disaster mitigation at this scale.

I respectfully ask your support for this bill. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tim Hepburn
Mayor

CC: The Honorable Gil Cisneros, U.S. House of Representatives