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The Honorable Frank Bigelow  
State Capitol, Suite 4158  
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**RE: SUPPORT - Assembly Bill 211 (Bigelow); State Responsibility Areas, Annual Reporting.**

Dear Assembly Member Bigelow:

The Napa County Board of Supervisors unanimously supports your bill, Assembly Bill (AB), 211 that would indefinitely continue the annual reporting requirement of State Responsibility Area (SRA) wildfire prevention fees, collections and expenditures.

On January 31, 2017, California law sunsetted a requirement for State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection to submit an annual written report to the Legislature showing how the SRA fees were being expended. AB 211 would continue this annual reporting requirement indefinitely.

SRA fees fund a variety of important services for property owners assessed the fee, including: fuel reduction activities, defensible space inspections, fire prevention engineering, emergency evacuation planning, fire prevention education, fire hazard severity mapping, implementation of the State and local Fire Plans, and fire-related law enforcement activities such as arson investigation.

The Board believes these services are vital, and that it is imperative that the SRA fees collected from homeowners are fully accounted for and utilized in the most effective and efficient manner every year the fee is in existence.

For these reasons, the Board unanimously supports AB 211 and looks forward to its passage into law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Belia Ramos".

Belia Ramos

Chair, Napa County Board of Supervisors

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