



May 8, 2018

The Honorable Monique Limón
Member, California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 6031
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 1956 (Limón): Fire prevention activities - SUPPORT

The above organizations are pleased to support your AB 1956, relating to fire prevention assistance. This bill will establish a fire prevention working group and a local assistance grant program to improve fire prevention in California and ensure that fire prevention activities take place year round.

The 2017 wildfires were the largest and most destructive in California's history. Since then, the insurance industry has been working diligently to help customers rebuild their homes, replace their personal property, and restore their lives. With the increase in these destructive wildfires now considered the "new normal," we must also focus on the long-term.

As the state looks forward, it is critical that we move towards long-term, comprehensive solutions that can reduce future risk and increase resilience for the next time disaster strikes. Improved forest management, increased home and community mitigation efforts, and enhanced emergency response systems are all key components to ensuring California is better prepared to address and to recover from a disaster.

For this reason, we support AB 1956 as a positive step towards managing our forests to help with fire prevention.

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