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The Honorable Cecilia Aguiar-Curry
Member, California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 5144
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 2380 (Aguiar-Curry): Privately contracted private fire prevention resources. –
SUPPORT**

The above organizations are pleased to support your AB 2380, relating to privately contracted private fire prevention resources. This bill will require the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), in collaboration with the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), to develop standards and regulations for any privately contracted private fire prevention resources operating in California.

The 2017 wildfires were the largest and most destructive in California's history. Since then, the insurance industry has been working diligently to help our customers rebuild their homes, replace their personal property, and recover their lives. With the "new normal" of increases in these destructive wildfires, 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 your AB 2380, which will help establish standards for privately contracted firefighting resources that balance the important rights of home and landowners with the broader interests of local public safety. By developing regulations, this bill will put an end to confusion and strengthen emergency aid to benefit all Californians.

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