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

RE: SUPPORT FOR COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA'S CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECT SPENDING REQUEST

Dear Senator Schiff,

On behalf of the **Los Altos Hills County Fire District**, I write to express support for the **County of Santa Clara's Congressionally Direct Spending request of \$1 million for the Neighborhood Safety Hazards Mitigation and Abatement project**. This critical investment will allow the County to support countywide neighborhood safety projects that will help eliminate debris, overgrown and hazardous vegetation, and mitigate the risk of wildfires.

California has experienced a number of catastrophic wildfires in recent years, while also spending most of the past two decades in a state of drought. According to CalFire, fifteen of the twenty most destructive wildfires in California history have occurred since 2016. This project will significantly improve safety for residents as well as surrounding jurisdictions by eliminating blight and hazards that are combustible and prevent the spread of fires. Funding will support property-owners who are elderly, low-income, or disabled with the maintenance of vegetation and other hazards that will help slow or stop the spread of fire. Eliminating fuel for wildfires is especially important for property owners who live adjacent to open space where the fire severity zone may be high.

Congressionally Direct funding would protect the community by providing eligible property owners with financial assistance to remove blight and other hazards to protect against devastating wildfires that have destroyed communities across the state. This project will provide lasting safety benefits Countywide and to adjacent jurisdictions by protecting lives and property, ensuring neighborhoods are well maintained, and helping prevent the spread of fire.

It is for the above-stated reasons the **Los Altos Hills County Fire District** supports this project and respectfully requests you submit the County's Congressionally Direct Spending request to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Sincerely,
J. Logan
General Manager
Los Altos Hills County Fire District