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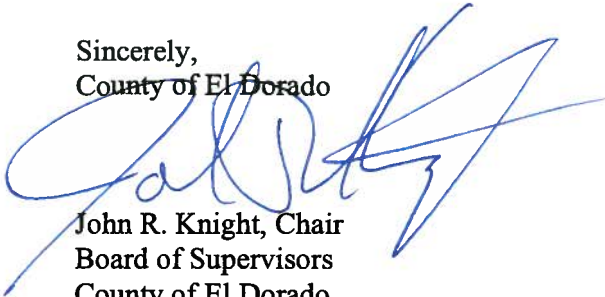
Dear Mr. Coupal,

The Board of Supervisors of El Dorado County adamantly opposes the imposition of the Fire Prevention Fee authorized by Assembly Bill (AB)x1 29 and being levied by the State of California. El Dorado County is significantly impacted by the fee as, among all fifty-eight counties, El Dorado County has the fourth highest number of citizens subject to the fee.

It has been reported in the press that your organization intends to file a lawsuit challenging the validity of the fee at the appropriate time. First of all, we want to express our support for such a lawsuit. We would also like to lend our support to such a lawsuit by way of joining in an amicus brief, if one is allowed by the court at the trial level, or other appropriate means. Accordingly, I offer El Dorado County's assistance in any efforts by the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association to challenge imposition of the Fire Prevention Fee.

Please contact our County Counsel, Louis Green, at (530) 621-5770, at your convenience, concerning any assistance we can provide and also to keep us apprised of the status of any litigation.

Sincerely,
County of El Dorado


John R. Knight, Chair
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County of El Dorado