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September 15, 2020

Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator
Washington, DC 20510-0504

RE: **Support:** S.4431 – Emergency Wildfire and Public Safety Act of 2020

Dear Senator Feinstein:

I am writing on behalf of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors in full support of S.4431: The Emergency Wildfire and Public Safety Act of 2020. As a rural county in Northern California, we are profoundly aware of the overwhelming devastation caused by the severe wildfires in California, as well as the 1.4 million acres already burned, homes destroyed and the loss of life.

We agree that S.4431 goes a long way in protecting communities by reducing wildfire risk in federal forests, getting the private sector more involved in addressing dead and dying trees, improving best practices for addressing wildfire, and creating more resilient communities and energy grids.

We must make wildfire protection a priority. S.4431 will help make our communities safer by providing federal agencies with critical new tools to reduce hazardous fuels, protect communities, and support forestry jobs, biomass development, and smarter energy practices. We join with you in supporting this very important bill.

Sincerely,

Estelle Fennell, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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