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Senator John Laird

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**Subject: Senate Bill 208, Dahle. Sierra Nevada Conservancy: Sierra Nevada Region: subregion: definitions: annual report - SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Laird,

The Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors would like to express our support for the proposed bill (SB 208, Dahle, 2022) which will amend Sections 33301, 33302, 33320, and 33322 of the Public Resources Code, relating to resource conservation. This amendment will reflect the realignment of the Sierra Nevada Conservancy’s subregions to now include Siskiyou, Shasta, and Trinity counties.

In 2018, the Board voted to adopt a Resolution which supported State Legislature revising the boundaries of the Sierra Nevada Conservancy to include an area of Siskiyou County. It is understood that resources, both financial and technical, available through the Sierra Nevada Conservancy could help provide much needed assistance for projects including, but not limited to, fuels reduction, forest restoration, and recreation and tourism infrastructure.

Siskiyou County has seen an increase in wildfires in recent years and are working diligently to recover, maintain, and better manage our forested lands to protect them for the future. Federal forest lands make up approximately 62% of the lands in Siskiyou County, and it is of vital importance to manage these forested areas and maintain them in responsible ways to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfires. We look forward to utilizing this Bill and the Sierra Nevada Conservancy towards these efforts.

The Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors are in full support of this legislative bill. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please contact Elizabeth Nielsen, Deputy County Administrator at enielsen@co.siskiyou.ca.us or by phone at (530) 842-8012. Thank you for your consideration and support of our County’s natural resources. This letter was approved by the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors on December 13, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Sincerely,

Brandon A. Criss, Chair

Board of Supervisors