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The Honorable Lisa Calderon
State Capitol
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Subject: Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors Requests Modifications to AB 2517 Fire Safety: Fire Hazard Severity Zones

Dear Assemblymember Calderon,

The Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors appreciates your efforts to increase transparency and public engagement in the Fire Hazard Severity Zone designation process through AB 2517. However, after careful review, we have concerns that this bill does not meaningfully strengthen county involvement in the designation process. Additionally, the bill fails to address the underlying modeling used to determine hazard designations, which excludes the effects of completed fuels reduction, home hardening, and other mitigation efforts that influence fire behavior. While the current methodology intentionally excludes mitigation, we believe these factors are critical to ensuring that hazard designations reflect the true potential for fire spread and intensity, and that local jurisdictions should have the ability to adjust hazard levels accordingly.

Until these concerns are addressed, the Board cannot support AB 2517. We urge you to revise the bill so that hazard designations more accurately reflect local conditions, thereby enhancing the reliability and practical utility of the resulting maps. With these refinements in place, there may also be value in expanding mapping efforts beyond the State Responsibility Areas, as Siskiyou County includes many Communities at Risk that fall outside existing map boundaries.

This letter was approved by the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors on April 7, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Sincerely,

Ray A. Haupt, Chair
Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors

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