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The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
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The Honorable Toni G. Atkins
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The Honorable Anthony Rendon
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RE: State Budget Funding to Strengthen Disaster Response
Notice of Support

Dear Governor Brown; President pro Tempore Atkins; and Speaker Rendon:

The City of Arcata supports the request from California fire chiefs, firefighters and others for \$100 million in State Budget funding for the Office of Emergency Services to make our communities safer from natural disasters.

Like you, public safety is one of local government's top priorities. The threat of catastrophic natural disasters in our communities has never been greater. Last year, we saw the deadliest and most destructive disasters in California's history.

Our disaster response system is reacting too slowly to prevent these disasters from turning into catastrophes. We need hundreds - sometimes thousands - of firefighters and other first responders on the scene quickly to save lives and property.

The only way to combat these worsening disasters is to get more first responders, engines and equipment there before they strike. Firefighters have access to weather information predict when a disaster will most likely strike, but they need better communication tools and more equipment to

act on this information. Also, local fire agencies need state funding to compensate them when sending resources to another community.

California's fire service leaders have a plan to step up their attack on natural disasters. For these reasons, the City of Arcata respectfully requests you provide them the funding they need to make our communities safer.

Sincerely,



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Mayor
Arcata, CA

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