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The Honorable Doug LaMalfa  
U.S. House of Representatives  
408 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

**Re: Support - HR 1586, Forest Protection and Wildland Firefighter Safety Act of 2023**

Dear Congressman LaMalfa,

We are pleased to announce the City of Redding's support for *HR 1586, Forest Protection and Wildland Firefighter Safety Act of 2023*. We appreciate your leadership on this critical issue and that the legislation has strong bipartisan support.

The use of retardant is a vital tool that our firefighters need to have at their disposal. Providing a Clean Water Act exemption so that federal, state, local, and tribal firefighting agencies can continue to use fire retardant is necessary to keep this tool available. Our fire-prone communities are at risk every year from the threat of wildfire. It is critical for the survival of our communities, forests, and the safety of fire crew members to utilize retardant when deemed necessary. We have seen time and again, using retardant slows the spread of fire, protect homes, infrastructure, and communities by creating a boundary line of attack for fire crews.

It is imperative that we maintain our ability to fight wildfires effectively. Limiting firefighting agencies' ability to slow fires will harm forest conservation, endangered species protection, historic site preservation, and our mission to protect nearby residents.

Whether dropped from a plane, sprayed from a tanker truck, or hand applied by private homeowners, retardant is a tool that keeps our communities safe and our watersheds from being destroyed by damaging catastrophic wildfires. In the wildland-urban interface, we need this tool to protect critical infrastructure and human life.

We support your efforts on HR 1586. For any questions, please contact City of Redding City Manager Barry Tippin at (530)225-4060 or via electronic mail: [btippin@cityofredding.org](mailto:btippin@cityofredding.org). Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael P. Dacquisto".

Michael P. Dacquisto  
Mayor  
City of Redding

