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May 13, 2025

The Honorable David Valadao
U.S. House of Representatives
1728 Longworth House Office Building
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The Honorable Jim Costa
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Brian Fitzpatrick
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The Honorable Salud Carbajal
U.S. House of Representatives
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RE: H. R. 2492: Fire Safe Electrical Corridors Act of 2025 – SUPPORT

Dear Representatives Valadao, LaMalfa, Carbajal, Costa, and Fitzpatrick:

On behalf of the Shasta County Board of Supervisors, I write to express our strong support for the Fire Safe Electrical Corridors Act, a vital piece of bipartisan legislation that directly addresses the threat posed by wildfire ignitions from overhead utility lines—especially in high-risk rural areas like ours.

Shasta County has tragically experienced the impact of these hazards. In 2020, the Zogg Fire, which was determined to have been caused by utility equipment, devastated over 56,000 acres, destroyed 204 structures, and claimed four lives. This fire stands as a somber reminder of the urgent need to reduce the presence of fuels in fire-prone regions.

The risk has only increased in recent years. According to Cal Fire’s updated Fire Hazard Severity Zone maps, large portions of Shasta County are now categorized as “Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones.” These designations underscore our vulnerability and the critical need for proactive solutions like those proposed in your legislation.

By creating federal support for expediting the removal of hazardous trees near power lines, the Fire Safe Electrical Corridors Act provides a much-needed tool to prevent ignition events before they occur, helping protect lives, property, and the natural resources we all value. This

forward-thinking approach also helps reduce long-term costs associated with disaster response and recovery.

We are grateful for your leadership on this important issue and are encouraged by the bipartisan nature of this proposal. The Shasta County Board of Supervisors urges swift passage of the Fire Safe Electrical Corridors Act and stands ready to support its implementation in partnership with federal and utility stakeholders.

Thank you for your continued commitment to wildfire prevention and public safety.

Sincerely,

Kevin W. Crye, Chair
Board of Supervisors
County of Shasta

cc: Members, U.S. House Committee on Energy and Commerce
California State Association of Counties
Rural County Representatives of California
Shaw, Yoder, Antwih, and Lange