

**C6** Approve a letter of support for House of Representatives Bill 2492: Fire Safe Corridors Act of 2025 (Sponsored by Supervisor Plummer).

## STAFF REPORT

<b>BOARD MEETING DATE:</b>	May 13, 2025
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**CATEGORY:** Consent Calendar 6

**SUBJECT:** Approve a letter of support for House of Representatives Bill 2492: Fire Safe Corridors Act of 2025 (Sponsored by Supervisor Plummer).

**DEPARTMENT:** Board of Supervisors

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT #:** All

**DEPARTMENT CONTACT:** Matt Plummer, District 4 Supervisor, (530) 225-5557

**STAFF REPORT APPROVED BY:** Stewart Buettell, Deputy County Executive Officer

<b><u>Vote Required?</u></b>	<b><u>General Fund Impact?</u></b>
Simple Majority Vote	No Additional General Fund Impact

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Approve a letter of support for House of Representatives Bill 2492: Fire Safe Corridors Act of 2025 (Sponsored by Supervisor Plummer).

### **DISCUSSION**

H.R. 2492: Fire Safe Corridors Act of 2025 would authorize the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to permit removal of trees around electrical lines on National Forest System lands and Bureau of Land Management lands, respectively, without conducting a timber sale, and for other purposes.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

The Board could decline to approve the letter, request revisions, provide alternative direction to staff, or defer consideration to a later date.

### **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT**

The Recommendation has been reviewed by the County Administrative Office.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Costs associated with preparing and sending letters of support are included in the Clerk of the Board Budget (BU 103) for Fiscal Year 2024-25. There is no additional General Fund impact associated with the recommended action.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

1: HR 2492 Letter of Support

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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