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Board of Forestry and Fire Protection

Attn: Regulation Priority Review

Email: PublicComments@bof.ca.gov

Dear Board of Forestry,

As a lifelong resident of California for 69 years and a resident of Paradise for 41 years, I am writing to express my deep concern and support regarding your deliberations on policies affecting California's forests.

California's forests play a critical role in the global fight against climate change. They are part of a delicate tipping point: as temperatures rise, so do the frequency and intensity of megafires. These fires release significant amounts of carbon into the atmosphere, exacerbating the warming that fuels even more fires—a dangerous feedback loop. I won't presume to advise on the technical solutions, as I recognize the depth of your expertise and the hard-won knowledge you possess.

However, from my perspective working at the grassroots level, I can assure you there is growing public awareness and support for the California Board of Forestry to take a leading role on the world stage in preserving our forests and mitigating climate change. Your work is vital to breaking the cycle of destruction and ensuring a sustainable future.

Sincerely,

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