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Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildfire

RE SB 1511

Dear Committee Members,

This proposed bill will help fund positive steps toward Wildfire Hazard reduction in the state of Oregon. We need a full set of tools to address the concern of Wildfire. The State has taken a number of steps to include SB 762 in 2021 and SB 80 in 2023. This additional step will provide some needed funding to create Defensive Space and provide for Home Hardening. The State Fire Marshal is the logical department to administer such a program. While I would ask that an incentive program for tax rebates similar to solar energy upgrades be available to all individual homeowners, this proposal will add one more tool to the full Wildfire Program. I fully endorse this bill and ask for your approval to move this request forward.

Respectfully,

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