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The Honorable Monique Limón  
State Capitol, Room 4167  
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**RE: SUPPORT FOR ASSEMBLY BILL 1956**

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Dear Assemblymember Limón:

The Little Hoover Commission supports AB 1956, the measure you authored that re-establishes a working group focused on identifying additional fire prevention opportunities and creates a local grant program dedicated to multiyear fire prevention activities.

In its 2018 report, *Fire on the Mountain: Rethinking Forest Management in the Sierra Nevada*, the Commission found that a dramatic culture change is needed in how our forests are managed to curb the catastrophic cycle of wildfire and tree deaths. The Commission concluded that, “The costs of long neglecting and mismanaging forests have become an unsustainable burden in California.” Among its recommendations, the Commission calls for the state and CAL FIRE to engage in collaborative landscape-level forest management to achieve lasting forest resiliency that includes various stakeholders as well as a long-term forest health campaign to educate the public on the benefits of prescribed burning. AB 1956 carries out these recommendations by investing in forest management.

The Little Hoover Commission supports this common sense measure to improve forest health. As the bill moves through the legislative process, I will be writing letters on behalf of the Commission to Legislators urging aye votes. If I or the Commission can provide any further assistance or expertise, please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

Terri Hardy  
Executive Director (A)

C: Commissioners, Little Hoover Commission