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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire Recovery

Measure: SB1582

Due to the nature of our RFPD that is all volunteer, I do not believe that taking on an area expansion of our fire district would be in the best interest of volunteers, therefore I am in opposition of SB 1582.

Furthermore, the capriciousness of Senate Bill 1582 is an act to expand boundaries one step (rural fire protection) at a time to further development in our rural area in which emergency services are already stretched thin.

Clearly unprotected land by RFPD is not buildable in our county. Thereby opening a legislative way to encroach upon forest/farm not currently protected by our RFPD by use of SB 1582 looks like the first slice of pie to increase acreage for rural development and/or housing. What is the legislators end game because an extra 7 road miles (existing/additional development of roads) in every direction of an RFPD may increase wildfire incidents to residences already situated in the current taxing district of the RFPD. Definately would be a financial windfall to those with forest/farm lands within the 7 mile radius of RFPD, with the door opening even slightly could become a precursor to future development in wildfire volatile rural lands. If the expansion of an area for emergency services were enacted what are the options or stops incorporated for closing the door to expansion of further development within SB 1582, there are none, therefore legislators must not approve the enactment of SB 1582.