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Please support SB 82 to protect home owners from insurance companies using the Wildfire Risk Map to cancel or excessively increase home insurance rates. Although the Wildfire Risk map was pulled a few months after it was introduced due to enormous errors and lack of local input from area fire-chiefs and their communities, this protection is still extremely important.

My community in Crooked River Ranch is aggressively tackling community wildfire abatement with local fire department home and property inspections. Many of us have taken advantage of the grant money available to establish more than a 100-foot safety zone around our homes by removing trees, tree limb removal to at least 6 feet above the ground, new smaller screens on house vents and removing all decorative bark dust around our houses, replacing it with decorative rock. None of these fire mitigation methods were considered in the first Wildfire map. I am concerned the next Wildfire map may not take into consideration a home owner's efforts to decrease wildfire risk; therefore, I urge you to protect homeowners by supporting SB 82.

Respectfully,
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