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On Behalf Of: Polk County Fairgrounds

Committee: House Committee On Emergency Management, General
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To whom it may concern, on or around September of 2021 Marion county suffered a huge loss with the canyon area fire affecting communities along Hwy 22 around Mill City, Detroit and many surrounding areas. As people started to flee their homes with family and animals such as horses, livestock and pets. Polk County Fairgrounds was there with open arms to help and accept our neighbors in need, many people flocked to the fairgrounds for safety thus taxing our already aged infrastructure such as our electrical system and plumbing system along with other items in relation to the age of our facility. We are lucky to be staffed with an amazing manager and her supporting staff. With help in upgrading our fairgrounds we will be better suited in providing help for the next emergency that will come our way.

Sincerely,

Paul Thompson

Polk county fair board member.