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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means
Measure: SB5506

Dear Members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means,

Re: Kellogg Rural Fire District Funding

As a member of the Kellogg Rural Fire district, I would like to ask you to support our community by helping to fund a fire station. I know from first hand experience that local first responders save lives, property, and livestock. My father was saved by local first responders, and I am forever thankful that there were trained professionals minutes from my house. We are not close to a hospital, and these first responders are critical in saving lives, and supporting the community during stressful and/or catastrophic times (like flooding and wildland fires). Having a source of information when we are cut off from services (roads, electricity, and phones) during emergencies is critical. Sometimes sharing information like evacuation notices only comes from someone stopping and knocking on a door.

I also want to be sure our first responders have a safe and comfortable place to stay when they are on duty, and when we have an influx of emergency crews on site. This is paramount in recruiting and training our first responders.

Thank you,
Rosie Emori