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I am opposed to this bill in the current form for two reasons: 1. Allowing NGO's to administer granting of some of the funds is not appropriate for dispersing government funds. 2. The allocated amount of \$5,000,000 allocated to this program is woefully inadequate. With approximately 116,000 tax lots in the High Hazard/WIU that amounts to about \$45 per lot. The cost to meet the proposed standards for defensible space for one lot can easily exceed \$10,000. The fund needs to be substantially higher to have any hope of reducing fire hazards in the affected neighborhoods.