City of Santa Rosa

August 4, 2023

The Honorable Alex Padilla
U.S. Senate
112 Hart Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Senator Padilla:

On behalf of the City of Santa Rosa, I am writing to thank you for your continued effort to help our community prepare for and respond to the ongoing threats of wildfires and express the City of Santa Rosa's support for your legislation, the Fire Suppression and Response Funding Act (S. 479) and the Hazard and Flooding Mitigation Funding Assurance Act (S.485).

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The Fire Suppression and Response Funding Assurance Act will allow communities, like Santa Rosa, to leverage federal funds by establishing a higher federal share of fire management assistance at 75% of the eligible cost of such assistance and permit a state or local government to use such assistance for the pre-deployment of assets and resources.

Additionally, the Hazard and Flooding Mitigation Funding Assurance Act will provide additional funding for local governments to help mitigate and prevent post-wildfire flooding and debris flow.

The City of Santa Rosa and many other North Bay communities are on the front lines responding to natural disasters. Your legislation will provide much needed assistance that will help us secure the federal resources that are vital to our ongoing efforts to prepare and mitigate the devasting impacts of wildfires. We thank you for your strong support for our community as we continue to respond to the threats posed by natural disasters.

Sincerely,

Natalie Rogers
Mayor

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