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GEORGE TURNBOO
SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT II

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Dear Honorable Senator Marie Alvarado-Gil,

Residents of Grizzly Flats lost everything to the Caldor Fire that swept through El Dorado County. During the recovery period that has followed, El Dorado County Board of Supervisors approved of researching \$1.5 million in funding for small homes for an estimated 75 residents without insurance (agenda item file #22-1476). The reason for taking this action was to assist families struggling to recover and find adequate shelter, but after budget negotiations, El Dorado County was unable to provide any funding for small homes. We humbly request funding from the State of California for small homes for residents in Grizzly Flats.

Agenda item file #22-1476 approved by the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors would provide \$1.5 million allocation, which is now estimated to be inadequate for the inflated rise in building costs. We are requesting \$2.5 million in funding to help house Grizzly Flats residents who lost everything in the Caldor Fire and had no insurance to cover rebuild costs. Grizzly Flats residents were denied FEMA Individual Assistance multiple times and other public efforts to fund rebuilding homes have failed. Residents are still wondering if any level of government will provide any funding to rebuild homes.

Housing is largely an issue under management by the State of California which sets standards that have become difficult for recovering residents to meet. Funding for small homes from the State of California seems appropriate given the nature of circumstances for Grizzly Flats residents. Governor Newsom and CalOES supported the residents of Grizzly Flats receiving funding through FEMA Individual Assistance despite the numerous denials. The residents of Grizzly Flats were made homeless by a natural disaster, but since they still have property, there is an opportunity for California to help rehouse these wildfire survivors.

Please consider funding small homes for Grizzly Flats residents through the State of California. We believe that \$2.5 million in funding is adequate to rebuild homes for the estimated 75 residents without insurance. We believe that Governor Newsom supports residents of Grizzly Flats, and since FEMA IA funding was denied, perhaps the State of California can provide funding through their budget process. Thank you for your time and consideration of the Grizzly Flats residents who lost everything by no fault of their own.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "G. Turnboo", written over a light blue horizontal line.

George Turnboo
District 2 Supervisor
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