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The Honorable Doug LaMalfa 2885 Churn Creek Rd, Suite C Redding, CA 96002

Re: Letter of Support – Southern Cascades Community Services District Emergency Services Enhancement Project

Dear Congressman LaMalfa,

As the Board of Supervisors in the County of Lassen, located in California's 1st Congressional District, we are writing to express my strong support for the Southern Cascades Community Services District's (SCCSD) Community Project Funding request for Fiscal Year 2026.

The **Emergency Services Enhancement Project** will address critical gaps in emergency response infrastructure for this remote and underserved region. By enabling the purchase of a permanent facility, the construction of an ambulance garage, and a helicopter hangar for emergency air medical services, this project ensures faster, safer, and more reliable emergency medical care for the community.

Given the distance from regional hospitals and trauma centers, timely access to EMS and air medical services is not a luxury—it is a necessity. The enhancements proposed by SCCSD will have a profound and lasting impact on public safety and health outcomes across the region.

We respectfully urge your full support of this funding request to help secure vital emergency infrastructure for the rural residents of Northern California.

Sincerely,

Tom Neely Chairman, Lassen County Board of Supervisors