



September 3, 2026

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 2513 (Petrie-Norris) Wildfire: Regional Forest and Fire Capacity
Program: local assistance grant program: regional landscape grants. –
Request for Signature**

Dear Governor Newsom,

On behalf of the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) and League of California Cities (Cal Cities), we respectfully request your signature on Assembly Bill 2513 related to wildfire regional landscape local assistance grants.

Effective wildfire mitigation must occur at the parcel, community, and landscape scale because fire does not recognize property lines or jurisdictional boundaries. Coordinated action across these levels reduces overall fuel loads, protects critical infrastructure, improves evacuation safety, and maximizes the effectiveness of public investments in resilience and disaster prevention.

AB 2513 would strengthen the state's efforts to reduce catastrophic wildfire risk through expanded and improved grant programs and local capacity building. These existing programs have successfully funded regional planning, workforce development, and partnership building, enabling local entities to carry out projects that reduce wildfire risk and improve ecosystem resilience. However, local jurisdictions continue to face challenges in scaling up mitigation projects due to limited technical resources and the complexity of grant administration. AB 2513 addresses these challenges by expanding funding, streamlining application processes, and providing additional technical assistance, allowing local entities to implement more projects efficiently and effectively. AB 2513 would also expand the activities eligible for funding to further prevent ignition of wildfire and improve ecosystem health.

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For these reasons, we request your signature on AB 2513. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jordan Wells (CSAC) at jwells@counties.org or Melissa Sparks-Kranz (Cal Cities) at msparkskranz@calcities.org.

Respectfully,



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CC: The Honorable Cottie Petrie-Norris, Member, California State Assembly