

TO: Honorable Issac G. Bryan, Chair  
Assembly Natural Resources Committee  
Members, Assembly Natural Resources Committee

FROM: Norwood Associates, LLC

DATE: April 14, 2025

RE: AB 1227 (Ellis)--SUPPORT

On behalf of our client, Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of California (IIABCal) we are writing to offer our Support for the above referenced bill.

California's increasingly severe wildfire seasons have demonstrated the urgent need for preventative measures to protect our communities, natural resources, and critical infrastructure. The current CEQA review process, while valuable for environmental protection, can significantly delay implementation of critical wildfire prevention projects at a time when expedient action is necessary.

This legislation strikes an appropriate balance between environmental stewardship and public safety by streamlining approval for qualified wildfire prevention projects while maintaining essential environmental safeguards, allowing communities to implement critical safety measures more quickly, and reducing administrative burdens on local agencies while preserving oversight of project qualification.

The bill's exemption applies only to specifically defined wildfire prevention projects, ensuring that only appropriate activities will qualify. This targeted approach addresses a pressing public safety need while maintaining CEQA's core environmental protection function for other project types.

For the above stated reason, IIABCal would urge your "AYE" vote on AB 1227. Thank you

Thank you.

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