



TO: Honorable Mike A. Gipson, Chair
Assembly Revenue & Taxation Committee
Members, Assembly Revenue & Taxation Committee

FROM: Norwood Associates, LLC

DATE: April 2, 2025

RE: AB 241 (Tangipa)--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.

As California continues to face unprecedented wildfire threats, our organization recognizes the critical importance of increased funding for vegetation management and wildfire mitigation efforts. Conservation districts, particularly those in high and very high fire severity zones, are on the frontlines of protecting our communities and natural resources but often lack adequate funding to implement necessary preventative measures.

AB 241 offers an elegant solution by creating a mechanism for Californians to voluntarily contribute a portion of their tax refunds directly to these vital efforts. This approach not only generates additional revenue for critical fire prevention work but also empowers citizens to actively participate in safeguarding their communities against wildfire threats.

We support this legislation for several compelling reasons. The funds generated will support conservation districts in implementing essential vegetation management and wildfire mitigation strategies that are currently underfunded. Additionally, the voluntary tax contribution model gives Californians a direct way to support causes they care about and invest in the resilience of their communities. AB 241 strategically targets resources to high and very high fire severity zones, ensuring funds are directed where they can have the greatest impact. Furthermore, California's existing voluntary tax contribution funds have successfully generated resources for numerous important causes, demonstrating the effectiveness of this approach.

For the above stated reason, IIABCal would urge your "AYE" vote on AB 241. Thank you

Thank you.

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