

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

FROM: Norwood Associates, LLC

DATE: April 1, 2025

RE: AB 550 (Petrie-Norris)--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.

Wildfires continue to pose a severe threat to California's residents, environment, and economy. The state has taken commendable steps in advancing wildfire prevention through "California's Wildfire and Forest Resilience Action Plan." However, the ability to track and maximize the impact of these efforts depends on clear, comprehensive, and publicly accessible data regarding available resources. By requiring the Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force to compile and publish information on relevant grant programs, this bill will empower interested parties, including insurance underwriters, to access information more efficiently on the scope of fire resilience projects that local governments and others have undertaken to protect vulnerable communities from the risk of catastrophic wildfires.

We believe the transparency provided by this proposed legislation will contribute to enhanced accountability, facilitate informed decision-making across all levels of wildfire management, and assist in providing data to assist insurance underwriting models in evaluating wildfire susceptibility

For the above stated reason, IIABCal would urge your "AYE" vote on AB 550. Thank you

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cc: Victoria Harris, Office of Assemblymember Cottie Petrie-Norris
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