

Albion Little River Fire Protection District

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Dear Supervisors,

I am the President of the Albion-Little River Fire Protection District Board. Like all other small volunteer districts we find ourselves having to do ever more with less resources. The state mandates increasing training requirements with no additional funding to meet them. We have just lost a court case about taxing MRC timberlands on the grounds that they are not part of the District for tax purposes although we have to fight fires and answer medical calls on their now exempt property (a loss of \$30,000 yearly.) We are now going to have to retire serviceable vehicles to meet new emission standards and the list goes on.

The proposed TOT tax will harm no entity in our District while providing essential funding for the services we work to provide the communities we serve for free. It is a rare opportunity to fund our operations without adding to the burden already on our taxpayers. In addition many of our calls are to help visitors who get into accidents on 128 or suffer medical emergencies while at our inns.

For all these reasons I urge you to vote yes on this proposed fair and essential tax.

Yours,

Chuck Greenberg President, ALRFPD

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