As a concerned citizen and long-time resident of Mendocino County, I am urging you to decide against making any cuts to the Mendocino County Fire Safe Council budget. As anyone who has lived in this county for the past ten years or more knows, the probability and severity of wildfire here is extremely serious and only getting worse. Cutting funding for fire prevention now is like removing the life jackets from a boat while watching floodwaters rising. This is NOT the time to cut funding for such an important public safety program.