

Dear Board of Supervisors,

It has come to our attention that due to monetary restrictions the Board of Supervisors plans to defund the Mendocino Fire Safety Council. Those of us who live in the hills east of Ukiah would like you to please reconsider this action and fund this service to at least the \$50,000 they require to remain viable. We are Threatened every summer with the threat of severe wildfires and rely on the council to continue the good work they have done; which includes the recent clearing of combustible foliage on the the main roads (and our only means of escape) in and out of the eastern hills. All of us who live here are doing everything we can to mitigate the dangers of a devastating wildfire but we very much need and appreciate your help.

Regards,

Dan and Georgia Dutro