Dear Board Members,

I am registering my strong protest for the proposed reduction in base funding for our County Fire Safe Council.

I am a member of Sherwood Firewise, and I see firsthand the impressive accomplishments of this grassroots community and volunteer organization. As one small example, I have taken advantage of the free chipper service and have cleared my one-acre lot in Brooktrails of dead branches following the brutal snow and wind storm we experienced in January. My understanding is that the MCFSC base funding pays for insurance for this free chipper service for Brooktrails residents.

A severe drought year is NOT the year to reduce this funding.

Thank you.

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