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✓ Re: **Support HB-2464, HB-2466, and HB-2438** ✓

Dear Members of the Twenty-Fourth Legislature:

Please support HB-2464 relating to establishing hazardous fire areas, HB-2466 relating to restricting fireworks, and HB-2438 that prohibits the sale of cigarettes unless they are "fire-safe". These bills are needed to more effectively manage wildfire threat, especially during dry or drought periods, and protect lives.

Our nonprofit organization includes representatives from every agency that fights wildfires. We know these bills are needed.

We urge you to pass Hb-2464, HB-2466, and HB-2438

Sincerely,



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