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Dear Sir or Ma'am,

The Governor's Board of Fire Services sends you greetings! The Board is comprised of various sectors representing interests related to the fire service including Nevada's career fire service, volunteer fire service, local government fire marshals, State Forester and Fire Warden, State Fire Marshal, fire protection engineers and the architect community. Members are appointed by the Governor.

At our public meeting held Friday, February 8, 2019, the Board voted in favor of sending you a letter supporting the enhancements in the State Fire Marshal's budget. We feel the State Fire Marshal's role is oftentimes overlooked in regards to promoting tourism by keeping our visitors safe from fire and life safety issues while enjoying our great state. The Board feels our position is to be the "sheep dog" to protect the citizens and visitors of our state from fire, basing our positions on lessons learned from previous tragic events within Nevada.

We also feel the State Fire Marshal's role in protecting our school children from the concerns of school fire and active assailants is underappreciated. In many of our rural communities, we found out Friday, have schools not been inspected in over ten years. We have also heard about differences needed in fire alarm compared with active assailant alarm systems to keep our school children safe. The inclusion of our law enforcement partners has been great in the discussion regarding school safety but the Board feels the fire and emergency medical services fields have been left out of the discussions. The International Fire Code, as adopted by the State of Nevada, provides for many of the ideas presented but the State Fire Marshal requires additional representation to carry out those provisions.

We are very supportive of the enhancements to the State Fire Marshal's budget for the 2020 -2021 biennium. The State Fire Marshal Division has had an increasing work load over the years that are impacting the goals and objectives for fire and life safety within our state.

The Board voted unanimously and directed me to provide a letter asking for the financial support required by the State Fire Marshal Division for these enhancements. Should you have any questions for the Board on our support, please contact me at dfogerson@castforkfire.org or (775) 782-9040. Our State Fire Marshal, Bart Chambers, and his staff, should be addressed for any questions on the details of the program.

Thank you for your assistance in making our State more disaster resilient.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Wm. Fogerson".

David Wm. Fogerson, MPA, CEM, EFO
Chair – Board of Fire Services

Cc: Board Members