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March 10, 2022

Senator Melendez
State Capitol, Room 4082
Sacramento, CA 95814

Senator Dahle
State Capitol, Room 2054
Sacramento, CA 95814

Senator Nielsen
State Capitol, Room 5064
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SCR-5—State of Emergency: COVID-19: termination– SUPPORT

Dear Senators Melendez, Dahle and Nielsen:

On behalf of the Placer County Board of Supervisors, I write to support SCR-5, which would terminate the State's COVID-19 State of Emergency that was declared exactly two years ago on March 4, 2020.

Since the State of Emergency has been in effect, there has been more than 45 executive orders issued which have changed numerous laws spanning that of everyday, normal life. It makes sense to allow the Governor the ability to quickly respond to an emergency for a limited time, such as an earthquake, or when wildfires devastate communities. However, we are now at two years of power for one person to set state policies without the involvement of the people's representatives which is not the way our government is supposed to work. Our constitution is very clear about this. We have three branches of government with equal, but separate powers. Our government was created to prevent one branch from single-handedly deciding what is best for the state.

The people of Placer County, our businesses, and visitors have worked extremely hard to follow and adhere to social distancing guidelines and restrictions. We are now at a time to end the State of Emergency and move on a course to fully return to normal as the State has transitioned out COVID-19 restrictions.

Once again, Placer County fully supports SCR-5 to lift the State of Emergency. If you have any questions regarding our position, please contact Joel Joyce at jjoyce@placer.ca.gov or at (530-889-4026).

Sincerely,

COUNTY of PLACER

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cindy Gustafson".

Cindy Gustafson, Chair (District 5)
Placer County Board of Supervisors

Cc: The Honorable Governor Newsom; Placer County Board of Supervisors; SYASL