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April 6, 2023

The Honorable Senator Catherine Cortez Masto
520 Hard Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

RE: S. 612 – Extension of the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act – SUPPORT – County of Placer

Dear Senator Cortez Masto:

On behalf of the Placer County Board of Supervisors, I would like to express our full support for S. 612 which would reauthorize the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act (LTRA) through September 2034. We are pleased to see that this legislation has bipartisan, bicameral support as Lake Tahoe is one of the crown jewels of Placer County and the United States.

As you are aware, the LTRA provides a comprehensive approach to protecting and sustaining the environment and economy of the Tahoe region by restoring forests and protecting against invasive species. Nevada and California have committed to spending hundreds of millions in the coming years to improve and protect the Lake Tahoe basin. The Lake Tahoe Restoration Act would be a key way the federal government, which owns the majority of the land in the Tahoe basin, can partner in these efforts. Placer County has invested significant resources to ensure the local tourist-based economy continues to thrive including supporting projects that expand transit services, construct new trails and provide additional visitor-serving facilities to boost the tourism economy in North Lake Tahoe. These projects also meet environmental stewardship and economic development goals.

Placer County is hard at work on environmental restoration projects that enables smart development that allows for investment into the community for years to come. We are also enhancing critical preparedness needs and hazard mitigation in the wildland urban interface against the threat of catastrophic wildfire. Placer county along with the other four counties within the Lake Tahoe Basin have committed to spending hundreds of millions in the coming years to improve and protect the basin. To date Placer County has invested \$41 million on projects. That funding has been used to leverage more than \$286 million in local, state, and federal matching funds.

Placer County appreciates Congress for partnering with us, as well as other local and private partners to strengthen the local economy and protect our national treasure. Should you have any questions regarding our position, please contact Joel Joyce, Legislative and Governmental Affairs Coordinator at jjoyce@placer.ca.gov or at (530) 215-0083

Sincerely,

COUNTY OF PLACER

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim Holmes".

Jim Holmes, Chair
Placer County Board of Supervisors

cc: Placer County Board of Supervisors
The Honorable Senator Dianne Feinstein
The Honorable Senator Alex Padilla
The Honorable Representative Kevin Kiley
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