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Good evening, Tabitha,

I was hoping to make the meeting and make comment in person, but, alas, other plans will prohibit that.

Would you be kind enough to pass this along to the Council? Thank you.

To the WCAP - thank you for considering my comments, and for your hard work on this very important issue.

I have a suggestion that any updates to home hardening include, at a minimum, specific measures that may be taken by ANY city or locality in the State, regardless of what their ultimate Hazard level is determined to be on the new map. This is an area of great and growing concern. With the Governor's housing bill and HB 2001, et al, and the accompanying increased density in the cities, I fear that areas which are not used to wildfires as Chief Ruiz-Temple has repeatedly mentioned, will be setting themselves up for disaster without tools to avert it. The lack of required meaningful hardening tools when structures are placed, say 5 - 10 feet apart AND LESS, especially in the WUI areas where wildfire risk is highest, is an unacceptable situation and will be a huge problem. It is only a matter of time. Combine this with massive fuels built up on the westside, and, well, I worry about the financial losses in addition the loss of life, and homes. The largest population centers are in the valley, and the cities in the Valley are the least prepared for wildfire. Some even have leaders in their fire departments who do not feel there is a risk, so nothing needs to be done.

In terms of priorities, can't the potential losses be looked at not just in terms of loss of forests, but swaths of densely populated cities? Because one big urban conflagration in, say, Eugene or Salem, and...well, you know how bad that would be.

I appreciate your taking the time to read my thoughts.

Carolyn Mayers