



September 6, 2024

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Senate Bill 571 (Allen) – REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE

Dear Governor Gavin Newsom,

On behalf of the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), we respectfully request your signature on Senate Bill 571 (Allen). RCRC is an association of forty rural California counties and the RCRC Board of Directors is comprised of elected supervisors from each of those member counties.

SB 571 requires the Office of Planning and Research to conduct a study evaluating potential improvements to state standards related to evacuation routes for all new developments in the event of a natural disaster. RCRC member counties include some of the lands most prone to natural disasters, especially wildfires. While creating standards for ingress and egress in these areas to ensure safety for residents during a natural disaster is paramount, it must be based on data and reasonably balanced with feasibility and other state priorities, such as increased residential construction. SB 571 represents a balanced approach to evaluating safety standards for disaster readiness and was written in collaboration with stakeholders, including RCRC.

For these reasons, we respectfully request your signature on SB 571. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at trhine@rcrcnet.org.

Respectfully,

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Senior Policy Advocate

cc: The Honorable Ben Allen, Member of the California State Senate
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