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California Building Standards Commission
Attention Public Comment
2625 Natomas Park Drive, Suite 130
Sacramento, Ca 95833

Re: 45 Day Express Terms for Purposed Building Standards of the State Fire Marshall
Regarding the 2025 California Wildland-Urban Interface Code, California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 7

Dear Members of the Commission,

I am writing to let you know the real potential impacts the proposed change to the existing fire code would have on small businesses, including RFP Lumber Co. Inc. RFP Lumber is a small business that has exceeded 3 generations of succession planning. We are also currently in the process of working and grooming the 4th generation to pass the torch. If this plan change were to move forward our company would close and cease all operations. The Family business would be destroyed due to the new California Regulations and limitations. What will California make anymore? We have outsourced and eliminated so many products including oil and gas due to regulations. This outsource has already eliminated many jobs.

Siding products are currently being flooded by overseas markets, which already has a huge impact on our business. The soft wood countervailing duty was put in place to help US Manufactures make products in the local areas. These new proposed changes would eliminate many jobs and our mill would no longer be a viable business.

Our whole business model is to add value and distribute a top-notch wood product to our customers. If the above proposed suggestion moves forward, lumber manufacturing such as ours would be highly impacted and would result in closure. Our mill currently runs a Newman Planer, two Mattison molders, one Ferrari Resaw and one 3-head Brewco Resaw which are essential in making quality custom siding products. This proposal would also affect truck drivers, insurance providers, yard, office staff and sales professionals. These types of employment would not only be affected, they would no longer be needed.

I would like to urge the commission to consider small business such as RFP Lumber and others that would be impacted if this proposal were to move forward. I am always available for further discussion of the concerns outlined above please contact me with any questions you might have, I am always available for discussion.

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