



March 20, 2023

The Honorable Damon Connolly

California State Assembly

State Capitol Swing Space, Room 5240

Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 582 (Connolly)—SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Connolly:

On behalf of the **Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of California (IIABCal)**, we are pleased to inform you of our support for your measure, AB 582, relative to tax credits on fire-resistant home improvements.

IIABCal is a statewide trade association representing independent insurance agents and brokers in California who offer both personal and commercial insurance products and services to the insurance-buying public.

AB 582 would provide homeowners an incentive in the form of a tax rebate for any work they have done to harden their homes from the risk of fire. With current homeowners' insurance rates increasing due to the increased risk of wildfires due to climate change, home hardening can contribute to lower insured losses and lower future costs of insurance for homeowners.

For this reason, we support AB 582. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions or would like additional information.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Jill Epstein, CEO

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cc: Claire Wendt, Consultant, Assembly Insurance Committee

Bill Lewis, Consultant, Assembly Republican Caucus