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Congressman Doug LaMalfa 1<sup>st</sup> District, California 408 Cannon House Office Building Washington, D.C. Office

## Subject: Letter of Support for Tehama County Sheriff's Office Community Project Funding Request – Emergency Radio Communications Infrastructure Improvements

Congressman Doug LaMalfa,

Tehama County Board of Supervisors would like to offer strong support for the Tehama County Sheriff's Offices request for FY 2026 Community Project Funding to support the Emergency Radio Communications Infrastructure System Upgrade Project. This project represents a critical investment in public safety for Tehama County and the broader Northern California region.

The county's current radio communications system is outdated, lacks adequate coverage in rural and mountainous areas, and presents serious limitations in interagency coordination during emergencies. These issues directly affect the ability of law enforcement, fire, medical, transportation commission and emergency management personnel to protect and serve the public effectively.

By securing funding through the Community Project Funding program, the Sheriff's Office will be able to implement a modern, interoperable, and reliable communications system. This infrastructure will greatly enhance emergency response capabilities, improve the safety of first responders, and increase public confidence in our regional emergency services network.

Tehama County faces unique geographic and economic challenges that make local funding of such an essential upgrade difficult. Federal support through this grant would be transformative, helping ensure that all members of the public —urban and rural—can rely on timely and coordinated emergency response when it matters most.

Tehama County respectfully urge your full consideration and support for this vital project. The Tehama County Public Agencies have demonstrated unwavering dedication to public safety, and this infrastructure improvement is both a necessary and responsible investment in our community's resilience and preparedness. Thank you for your leadership and continued support of local priorities.

Sincerely,

Matthew Hansen Chairman, Tehama County Board of Supervisors