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January 23, 2025

The Honorable Ricardo Lara
Insurance Commissioner of California
300 Capitol Mall Suite 1700
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Urgent Request to Amend Commissioner's Bulletin 2025-1 to include the Hughes Fire

Dear Commissioner Lara,

The fires in Los Angeles and Ventura counties have been devastating in recent weeks and I write to you today as we continue to see destruction in our beautiful Southern California communities.

The Hughes Fire began the morning of Wednesday, January 22, 2025 and has grown to over 10,000 acres overnight. Given the dry conditions, the Santa Ana winds remain a threat.

I write to you with great concern for my constituents. Based on the proximity of the fires to communities in my district, many of them have concerns that they may be dropped by their insurance providers. Insurance premiums in the state have become unaffordable for many families and the uncertainty of having coverage is unsettling for our communities when faced with the instability the fires have caused.

I urge you to include the Hughes Fire under Bulletin 2025-1, last amended on January 17, 2025, to ensure residents in the area can find some sense of stability knowing that they will be covered by their insurance for the next year.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration. I look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

Suzette Martinez Valladares
Senator, 23rd District