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Pima County Board of Supervisors:

As president of the MLHOA which represents almost 300 property owners on Mt. Lemmon, I am requesting the Pima County Board of Supervisors support the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) to provide increased funding for the Mt. Lemmon Fire Department for the next five years.

Thank you for addressing the serious financial circumstances of the MLFD. A serious decline of ~\$60,000 in income over the past three years is the result of decreased tax revenues from lower property values. Because of continued increases in visitor traffic to Mt. Lemmon from the people you represent in your Board of Supervisors districts and over 1,000,000 visitors from all over the United States and the world, the demand for emergency medical attention increases every year. Hikers, motorcycle and bicycle riders, picnickers, and fires such as the Bighorn Fire of 2020, result in frequent 911 calls. Many accidents are serious, and some fatalities occur. Over 90% of the calls for MLFD personnel come from visitors, not residents, and this has created an unsustainable burden on the Department.

Besides taxes, our residents support the MLFD through fund raising and grant writing. Last year we raised over \$40,000 from individuals to purchase a generator for the Fire Station.

The mountain is a haven for the Tucson community and beyond. The MLFD emergency services are critical. We need additional funding through the IGA to provide those services visitors need when they come to Mt. Lemmon. Thanking you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sally Crum,  
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Mt Lemmon Homeowners Association.

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