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Please also see the attached letter in support of the above mentioned IGA Funding.

Mount Lemmon Woman's Club

P.O. Box 673

Mount Lemmon, AZ 85619

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

As president of the Mount Lemmon Woman's Club, that represents almost 90 active families and property owners on Mt. Lemmon, I am requesting the Pima County Board of Supervisors' support of the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) to provide increased funding of the Mt. Lemmon Fire Department for the next five years.

Our organization and many of the individual members have provided thousands of dollars in support of the department over the years. Still, we are unable to compensate for the recent decline in revenues due to reduced property values. We are grateful for your willingness to address the serious financial status of MLFD.

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The painful reduction in property values, coupled with increased visitor traffic (estimated to be over one million, annually) has hampered necessary operations of the fire district. During this Pandemic, we have witnessed an uncommon volume of weekday traffic on top of the greater than normal weekend hikers, picnickers, bicyclists and motorcycle riders. We were clearly the local, accessible destination for meeting the CDC guidelines of outdoor activity! While we welcomed these visitors, the MLFD was stretched beyond its limit to respond to the numerous 911 calls all over the mountain. I have personally witnessed a group of young people gathering wood and building a bonfire in the residential area near Marshall Gulch. The quick response of MLFD can not be overestimated and my relief at their arrival was palpable. Today, that might not be possible!

Once again, thank you for considering our request for support of the proposed IGA. Your approval of this IGA, will benefit not only your small mountain constituency, but the much larger one in Tucson, as their welfare is threatened by limited services when they visit the mountain.

Sincerely,

President, Carol Niehoff

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