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Board of Supervisors
 Santa Barbara County
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 Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Dear Chairwoman Farr and the Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors:

The issue of fire safety has long been a concern of the Mission Canyon Association. We are very pleased that the county is looking at instituting parking closures along upper Tunnel Road during Red Flag Warning conditions.

At times last year, over a hundred parked cars have been counted along upper Tunnel Road. As hikers attempt to squeeze their vehicles into spots as close to the trailhead as possible, cars are often parked within the roadway, in zones signed "no parking," across driveways, and at fire hydrants.

The Mission Canyon Association fully supports a parking closure in this area during Red Flag conditions. Not only will it better allow emergency vehicles to drive unimpeded up Tunnel Road, it will also decrease the number of people evacuating, should it become necessary. Perhaps more importantly, since Red Flag wildfires would be accompanied by extremely high winds, many, many hikers will be saved from danger should a fire erupt, as people cannot outrun a wildfire.

We urge you to support this measure for public safety's sake.

Sincerely yours,

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