

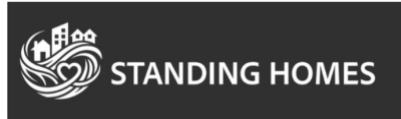




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September 4, 2026

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Sign AB 1642 (Harabedian) and AB 1795 (Gipson)

Dear Governor Newsom,

We write as a coalition of residents, community organizations, public health advocates, and environmental groups in support of AB 1642 (Harabedian) and AB 1795 (Gipson). Many of us signed a letter supporting AB 1642 in June and many also signed a letter opposing AB 1795 unless it was amended. Both bills have harmonized since then. Both bills are now on your desk. We urge you to sign them.

The two bills now travel together. Neither one takes effect unless both are enacted. AB 1642 writes the science. It creates the first standards in the nation for testing and remediating homes of toxic contaminants after a wildfire. AB 1795 requires insurance companies to follow them within the impact zone. Apart, each bill is half an answer. Together they are the first real wildfire smoke damage standards this country has.

Currently, a family is told their home is clean when an insurance adjuster says it is clean.

As reported by the New York Times, that gap has allowed insurance companies to deny testing, insufficiently clean homes, prematurely terminate smoke damage claims, and force survivors back into homes that were never cleared for occupancy.

Most homes in Altadena were built before 1975 and held lead paint and asbestos. When they burned, researchers at Caltech found the smoke plume carried lead and other toxins into homes up to 7 miles outside the fire perimeter. EFRU's own data collection found lead in every standing home that tested for it. In a separate group of homes tested after professional cleaning, 96% still came back above the federal threshold for lead and 36% still showing asbestos. Cleaning a home without a standard to sample and test against does not reliably produce a clean home.

California has the chance to write the rules the rest of the country will use as their north star. Wildfires are not going away. They are only increasing in severity and geographic diversity. Yet, no state has put standards in place to ensure there is clarity on when it is safe to return to a smoke damaged home. We have spent a year and a half learning what happens when there is no standard. Now is the time to lean into scientific advances in the identification, measurement, and remediation of toxic contaminants in smoke damaged homes.

We respectfully urge you to sign AB 1642 (Harabedian) and AB 1795 (Gipson),
Jane Lawton Potelle, Executive Director, Eaton Fire Residents United (EFRU)

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