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To whom it may concern:

My name is Merlin Sabo, I am a local ISA Certified Arborist and the owner of Trinidad Tree Service based out of Trinidad, CA. I have been practicing Arboriculture in the North Coast since 2005. Brad Miller resident of 2733 Bolier St. asked me to provide a professional opinion of a group of Monterey Pine (*Pinus radiata*) that had been growing behind his house. These trees were removed in May 2020 due to the fact the trees all had a heavy north lean towards his house and yard.

In May 2020 after an inspection of the group of 5 pines growing along Brad's southern fence line, the judgement was made that the segment of leaning trees should ultimately be taken down as they presented an eminent threat to his property. As Brad's house and property sit less than a quarter mile from the pacific ocean, we were concerned about heavy coastal winds potentially causing a structural failure within this stand of trees. As the group was leaning towards the house and growing in sandy soil, any trunk or root failure due to a high wind event could result in property damage or injury to him or his family. With this ocean adjacent living situation, having strong southern winds during winter storms are a common occurrence in this neighborhood. As climates around the globe are in a warming trend, ocean temperatures are on the rise. With an average of .13 F temperature increase every 10 years. This warmer water will ultimately provide more energy for storms, resulting in higher wind speeds here on the coast.

In my professional opinion I believe the pines were justly removed as they presented a threat to Brads family and property.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to contact me for any further questions.

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