

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Rodney Frelinghuysen
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
United States Capitol, Room H-305
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Nita Lowey
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
United States Capitol, Room H-305
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Frelinghuysen and Ranking Member Lowey:

Thank you for your efforts to secure emergency relief funds this year, including vital funds for hurricane relief and wildfire suppression.

As you work to develop supplemental disaster relief legislation, we strongly support the State of California's current request for \$4.4 billion in wildfire relief funds and respectfully request it be included in the bill. We also ask that targeted tax relief for wildfire survivors be included.

This October, California experienced the worst fires in our state's history. These fires, which started on October 8th, burned more than 240,000 acres and destroyed 8,800 structures. They forced 10,000 people to evacuate and left many families with nothing. Tragically, 44 people lost their lives. On October 10, 2017, the President approved a major disaster declaration for these fires.

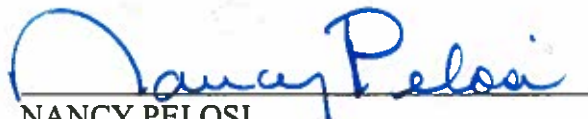
While Congress has approved much-needed support for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Disaster Relief Fund and wildfire suppression efforts this year, additional Federal resources are critical to putting our fire-impacted communities on the road to recovery.

Thank you for your consideration of this important request. A swift Federal response is vital, and we appreciate your dedication to helping our communities recover and rebuild.

Sincerely,



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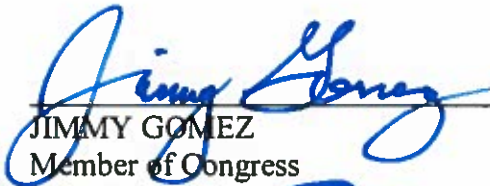
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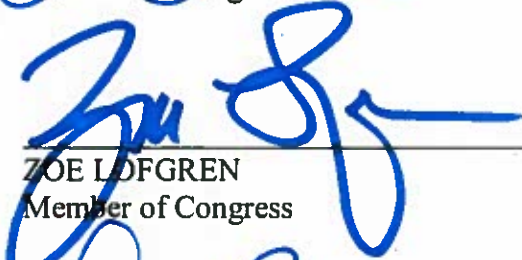
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