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## Support Bipartisan Wildfire Prevention and Protection

Support the goals of bipartisan wildfire legislation whether as independent legislation or as part of a budget bill:

- **Community Protection and Wildfire Resilience Act:** H.R. 582, sponsored by Huffman (D-CA-2), Obernolte (R-CA-23), and Min (D-CA-47); and S. 3609 sponsored by Padilla (D-CA) and Sheehy (R-MT) – Would invest \$1 billion per year in grants administered by FEMA to help communities establish and then implement Community Protection and Wildfire Resilience Plans (CPWRPs). The plans will focus on strategies that improve early detection, address vulnerable populations, harden critical infrastructure and homes, and implement strategic land use planning. Grants would be up to \$250,000 for developing plans and up to \$10 million for implementing the plans.
- **Wildfire Response Improvement Act:** H.R. 1393, sponsored by Stanton (D-AZ-4), LaMalfa (R-CA-1) and Huffman (D-CA-2) – Expands FEMA wildfire assistance beyond the active fire period; updates federal recovery guidance to reflect wildfire-specific impacts; improves cost-effectiveness criteria for mitigation projects; directs funding toward data-driven, resilience-focused investments; strengthens state and local capacity to respond to and recover from wildfires.



Wildfires impose a major economic burden in California, causing hundreds of billions of dollars in losses across property, business activity, insurance, and public recovery costs. In January 2025, the Palisades Fire and Eaton Fire in Los Angeles County together destroyed thousands of homes and structures and are estimated to have caused roughly \$28-\$54 billion in property damage, with broader economic losses projected into the billions more over time due to business disruptions, lost jobs, and reduced tax revenue.

## Thank You!

We appreciate your support of **H.R. 6938, the FY 2026 Commerce, Justice, Science; Energy and Water Development; and Interior and Environment Appropriations Act**, now signed into law. This bill provides essential resources for federal wildfire response by funding Wildland Fire Management at roughly \$6.4 billion, including cap-adjusted suppression funding of about \$2.9 billion for urgent firefighting operations – helping ensure our firefighters have the tools and support they need to protect communities. These investments demonstrate a strong commitment to public safety and wildfire resilience in California and across the country.

