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Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable John Thune
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Democratic Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Democratic Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Leader Thune, Speaker Johnson, Leader Schumer, and Leader Jeffries,

We write to highlight the ongoing response and recovery from the major disaster that was declared on Jan 8, 2025, in Los Angeles County. The tremendous task of rebuilding is well underway with Phase 1 removal of household hazardous materials from properties destroyed or heavily damaged by the Eaton and Palisades fires. However, the road to full recovery is long, and while the response from the federal government has been incredibly helpful to date, additional funding and resources will be needed.

Fueled by wind gusts of up to 100 miles per hour, the Los Angeles County wildfires burned over 40,000 acres, destroyed over 16,000 structures, forced tens of thousands of residents to evacuate, and killed more than two dozen people. At one point, California mobilized more than 15,000 personnel including firefighters, guard service members, highway patrol officers and transportation teams to aid in the response effort. For comparison, these wildfires burned an area almost three times the size of Manhattan, and the extensive damage caused by the wildfires requires additional federal assistance, coordination, and funding.

These wildfires have caused widespread damage across Los Angeles County, including to federal and state highways and roads, critical public infrastructure, homes, and buildings. The historic destruction caused by these wildfires requires additional federal funding and support. Just as the federal government has come to the aid of communities impacted by wildfires across the western United States, tornados in the Midwest, ice storms in Texas, or hurricanes in the Southeast, we should once again support the recovery of the impacted families, businesses, and communities in Los Angeles County. Therefore, we urge you to ensure Los Angeles County has the resources it needs to recover and rebuild in an upcoming disaster relief bill.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



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United States Senator



Adam B. Schiff
United States Senator



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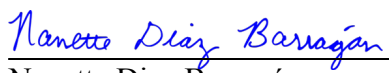
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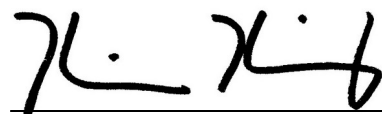
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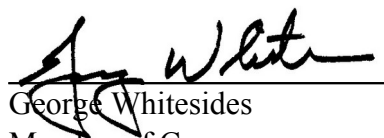
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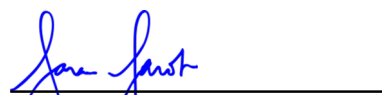
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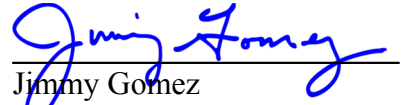
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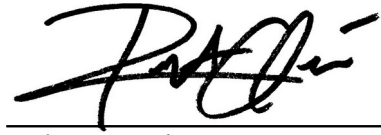
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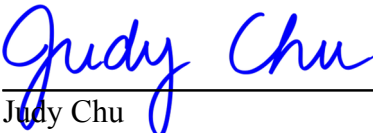
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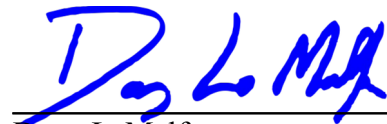
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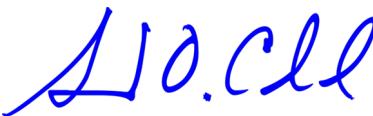
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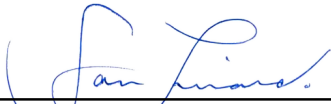
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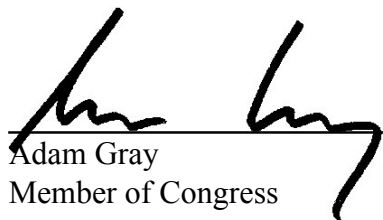
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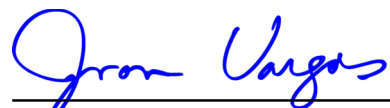
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