



September 16, 2021

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnell, Speaker Pelosi, and
Minority Leader McCarthy,

The State of California respectfully requests a supplemental disaster funding appropriation and targeted tax relief supporting California's recovery from the 2021 fire season. California's current situation is dire, and over half of the state's fire season is still ahead. In fact, this season broke a historic record for the single largest fire in California history—the Dixie Fire. Compounding the State's devastation and recovery is the total loss of the historic Town of Greenville and the displacement of entire communities.

As of September 15, more than 2,144,530 acres have burned this year. The three most destructive fires, the Caldor, Dixie, and River fires, burned 1.2 million acres alone. At the peak of these fires, over 15,308 firefighters, 1,280 engines, and 783 law enforcement personnel were deployed. Many of these resources were provided through California's mutual aid system. In total, 2,845 structures have been destroyed, and 245 have been damaged. The recovery from these disasters will be lengthy. The funding requested in the attached memo will make critical resources available to the survivors of these catastrophic wildfires.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. The fiscal estimates provided here are preliminary, given that California's fire season is still active. I look forward to working with you and the members of our delegation to make much



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needed federal resources available to support the impacted communities of California.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: Supplemental Funding Request by Federal Agency

Cc: The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
The Honorable Alex Padilla
Members of the California Congressional Delegation