

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0533

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Mr. Peter T. Gaynor
Acting Administrator
Federal Emergency Management Agency
500 C Street, SW, Room 8 SW
Washington, D.C. 20472

Dear Acting Administrator Gaynor:

Thank you for your public service. On behalf of my constituents in California's 33rd congressional district affected by the Getty fire, I write to request your continued support as California responds to numerous wildfires.

In the past month, several fires have broken out and wreaked havoc across California including two in my congressional district: the Palisades fire and the Getty fire. Early Monday morning, the Getty fire began in my Los Angeles congressional district. In two days, it has burned 700 acres, forcing the evacuation of 17,000 people, destroying or damaging 17 homes, shutting down major highways, and closing numerous schools. The fire remains only 27 percent contained with Santa Ana winds and dangerous conditions expected to continue throughout the week.

It has not even been one year since the Woolsey fire devastated the same region—a disaster from which my community continues to recover. I am very grateful for the assistance the Trump Administration provided to address the Woolsey and other fires in California. The establishment of Disaster Recovery Centers paired with the provision of financial and other federal resources have proved fundamental in helping to rebuild homes, infrastructure, and businesses and keeping our community running.

I deeply appreciate the Governor's request for a Fire Management Assistance Grant to support our brave firefighters and first responders as they work to stop the Getty fire. Thank you for swiftly approving this request on October 28 to assist in the firefighting effort. As the people of my community race to save lives and then turn to the hard work of rebuilding them, I request your continued support and attention.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress