

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

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The Honorable Nita Lowey  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-307 The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Chairwoman Lowey and Ranking Member Granger:

On behalf of my constituents who have been devastated by the Getty fire in Los Angeles, I write to ask you to work with me to ensure Congress provides the necessary federal funding to assist the impacted community with recovery.

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. Fortunately, the Palisades fire was quickly contained. The Getty fire, however, began only two days ago and has already burned 700 acres, forcing the evacuation of 17,000 people, destroying or damaging 17 homes, shutting down major highways, and closing numerous schools. At the same time, other parts of the state are being ravaged by the Kincade, Tick, Burris, and other fires, which have burned 80,000 additional acres. These disasters destroy homes, businesses, and infrastructure; strain firefighting and first responder resources; and create a host of health and environmental concerns.

After these fires are extinguished, our communities will face the monumental challenges of rebuilding homes and businesses, recovering possessions, repairing infrastructure, and restoring the environment. As California completes a full assessment of the damage sustained, I am committed to ensuring that recovery in my district happens as expeditiously as possible.

I am very appreciative of the House Committee on Appropriations' efforts to approve supplemental funds for California following the 2018 wildfire season. As we learn the full extent of damage sustained, I ask you to again work with me to provide federal funding for my constituents seeking to rebuild their lives.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Ted W. Lieu  
Member of Congress

cc:

The Honorable Lucille Roybal-Allard, Chairwoman, House Committee on Appropriations,  
Subcommittee on Homeland Security

The Honorable Chuck Fleischmann, Ranking Member, House Committee on Appropriations,  
Subcommittee on Homeland Security

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