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President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for rapidly declaring a major disaster declaration for wildfires burning in California.

This year, California has the potential to experience the worst fire season in our state's history. To date, over 629,531 acres have burned in California, severely impacting communities across the state. The sixteen active California wildfires represent 37% of all acreage burned in active wildfires throughout the entire nation.

Two fires in California alone, the Mendocino Complex Fire and the Ferguson Fire, are responsible for devastating over 385,000 acres; and the Mendocino Complex fire recently became the largest fire in the state's history. Unfortunately, those two fires are only 34% and 43% contained, respectively.

The Carr Fire, which devastated Shasta County and recently crossed over into Trinity County, has burned 176,069 acres, destroying over 1,077 residences in its path. It remains at just 47% contained. Yet another fire, the Holy Fire, has started in Cleveland National Forest, located between the two densely populated communities of Riverside County and Orange County, and has burned over 4,000 acres and is only 5% contained.

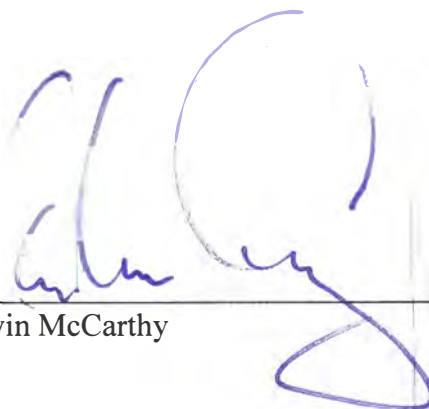
It's terrifying to consider the worst devastation may be yet to occur.

For the state of California to endure these catastrophic wildfires, it is going to take your continued leadership and support. We stand ready to assist you in expediting federal support to impacted communities.

Sincerely,



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