

March 21, 2023

The Honorable Doug LaMalfa United States House of Representatives 408 Cannon House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative LaMalfa:

As the sole national representative for our country's family forest landowners, we are thrilled to announce our support for H.R. 1586, the Forest Protection and Wildland Firefighter Safety Act of 2023.

The largest threat to the domestic timber supply is the increasing number of natural disasters including hurricanes, wildfires, tornados and damaging thunderstorms. This bipartisan legislation would protect firefighters' ability to protect landowners by using a critical tool in their arsenal to combat wildfires. It is imperative that we enhance rather than hinder the resources to keep our private working forests operating so they can provide the clean air, pure water, and quality jobs that our nation depends on.

Thank you for your commitment to our nation's forest landowners. We look forward to working with you on more commonsense pieces of legislation this Congress.

Sincerely,

Scott Jones

CEO

Forest Landowners Association