



Representative Doug LaMalfa
408 Cannon House Office Building
Washington D.C.

Representative Jimmy Panetta
304 Cannon House Office Building
Washington D.C.

Date: March 21, 2023

Dear Representative LaMalfa and Representative Panetta:

We are writing this letter of support to you regarding the Forest Protection and Wildland Firefighter Safety Act of 2023. Our organization represents three hundred and twenty-six (326) member companies who supply "boots on the ground" resources to the agencies to assist with wildfire suppression efforts nationwide. That is a workforce of over sixteen thousand (16,000) available to help in this effort.

Firefighter Safety is of utmost importance to our industry, and the ability for the agencies to be able to utilize retardant as another tool we believe that they should have access too.

We would urge members of congress to support this legislation effective immediately as with wildfire season approaching, we need all the tools available to us. By doing so you will demonstrate your commitment to protecting lives, property, and our natural resources.

If you would like any additional information on this important legislation, please let us know.

Sincerely,

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