

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

July 8, 2026

The Honorable Mike Johnson  
Speaker  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable John Thune  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries  
Democratic Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Democratic Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Speaker Johnson, Leader Jeffries, Leader Thune, and Leader Schumer:

As members of the California Congressional Delegation, we write to express strong opposition to any supplemental package until federal disaster aid for the January 2025 Los Angeles wildfires and other communities with major disaster declarations is signed into law. It has been more than one and a half years since the devastating wildfires displaced over 100,000 Californians, destroyed more than 13,000 homes and properties, and killed more than two dozen people. Independent estimates place total economic damage at up to \$275 billion, far exceeding what insurance can cover.

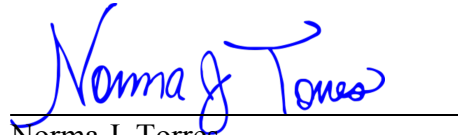
As you know, the typical first step for comprehensive federal disaster recovery aid is for the White House to submit a supplemental funding request to Congress. It is deeply disappointing that since January 2025, not a single step has been taken by the White House to submit a request for federal disaster aid, not just for California, but also for the over 30 States, Tribes, or Territories with major disaster declarations. This inaction is on top of the Trump Administration delaying or denying Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) emergency aid, with FEMA's own data showing that the Trump Administration is making it harder to access disaster aid and moving more slowly than previous Administrations to help disaster-hit communities.

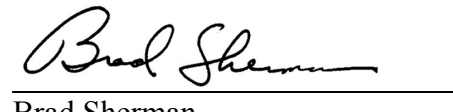
President Trump's Administration is prioritizing the war in Iran over helping American communities recover from devastating disasters. Instead of helping communities in America rebuild, the only supplemental the White House has submitted came this week. The June 24, 2026, Iran War supplemental request includes over \$67.1 billion to cover the costs of the President's costly war of choice, while ignoring the \$34 billion in federal disaster aid funding needed by California and billions more desperately needed by other States, Tribes, and Territories.

Helping Americans recover from the worst moments of their lives should not be a partisan issue; Republicans and Democrats in Congress have time and again worked with Republican and Democratic Presidents to ensure that communities have the funding to rebuild and recover, whether it was after wildfires, hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, or other disasters. When Hurricane Harvey hit Texas in 2017, Congress passed two packages to fund disaster aid for Texas and other states, which President Trump signed into law, and not a single Democrat voted against these bills. When Hurricane Helene and Milton hit the Southeast in 2024, President Biden worked with Congress to pass \$100 billion in aid. Again, not a single Democrat voted against the disaster aid package.


Instead of taking up the June 24, 2026, Iran War supplemental request, we believe that Congress should immediately draft a federal disaster aid supplemental to help Americans rebuild their communities from the most deadly and costly wildfires in recent history. The California Congressional delegation stands ready to work together on a bipartisan federal disaster aid package.

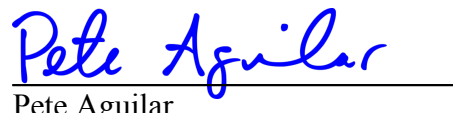
Sincerely,


  
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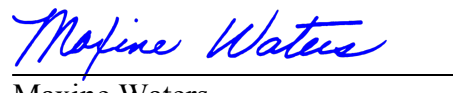
  
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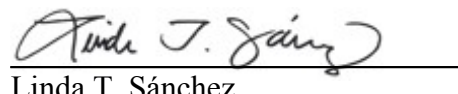
  
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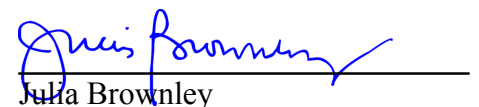
  
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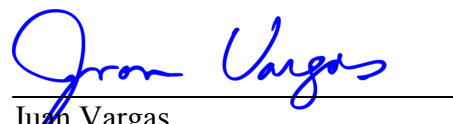
  
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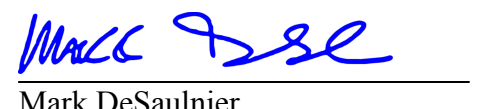
  
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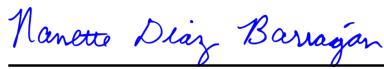
  
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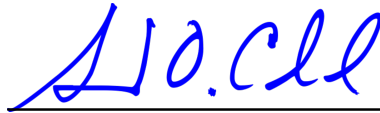
  
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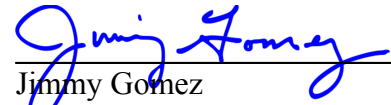
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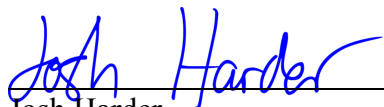
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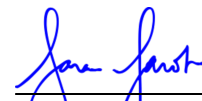
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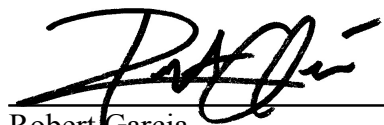
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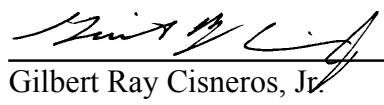
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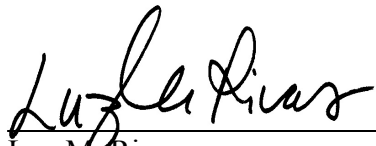
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