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**Congress of the United States**  
29th District, California

President Donald J. Trump  
The White House  
West Wing  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20502

The Honorable Peter T. Gaynor  
Administrator  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
500 C Street, SW, 8th Floor  
Washington, DC 20472

October 11, 2019

Dear President Trump and Administrator Gaynor:

We write to bring to your attention the Saddleridge fire that is blazing in Los Angeles County so that federal assistance can be readied to respond to this catastrophe. The Saddleridge fire threatens the people in our districts.

More than 1,000 Los Angeles firefighters are battling the fire in the San Fernando and Santa Clarita Valleys that has burned more than 7,500 acres in the span of a few hours. Authorities have ordered mandatory evacuations affecting 100,000 people in over 20,000 homes. Structures and homes have been lost to this blaze, and lives continue to be put at risk. As of this moment, there is 13 percent containment and the fire is burning at a rate of 800 acres per hour. The Saddleridge fire began on October 10, 2019 in Sylmar and has been exacerbated by the Santa Ana Winds. The weather conditions may pose a challenge for some of the aircrafts used for fire suppression. The California Highway Patrol has been forced to close down portions of the 14, 5, 210, and 118 freeways due to the fire. The LA County Fire Department has stated the fire is still growing as more crews arrive to fight the fire.

We are pleased that a Fire Management Assistance Grant Declaration was authorized today, October 11, 2019, for the Saddleridge fire, but there is more that needs to be done to ensure that first responders and the people of Los Angeles have access to necessary federal resources.

Before the Saddleridge fire causes irreparable damage, we ask that you take the necessary steps in preparation of making a disaster declaration should the Governor request it. We know from past

experiences of the destructive capacity of these fires, so we urge you, Mr. President, to make sure that all precautionary measures have been taken to mitigate this disaster and that all federal resources are made to protect the people of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

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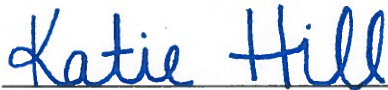
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Tony Cárdenas  
Member of Congress

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Brad Sherman  
Member of Congress

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Katie Hill  
Member of Congress