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Dear President Trump and Administrator Long:

I write to bring to your attention the Creek fire that is blazing in Los Angeles County so that federal assistance can be readied to respond to this catastrophe. The Creek fire threatens the people of my district.

Los Angeles firefighters are battling a fire in Sylmar that has grown to more than 4,000 acres in the span of a few hours. Structures, homes and horses have been lost to this blaze. As of this moment, there is zero percent containment. The Creek Fire began off of Little Tujunga Canyon Road and has been exacerbated by the Santa Ana Winds. The weather conditions are posing a challenge for some of the aircrafts used for fire suppression. The California Highway Patrol has had to close down the 210 Freeway in both directions. The LA County Fire Department has stated the fire is still growing as more crews arrive to fight the fire.

This fire erupted as firefighters have been busy dealing with the Ventura fire, which has burned more than 45,000 acres. The Ventura fire has destroyed homes and structures. The fire forced 27,000 people to evacuate. I am pleased that a Fire Management Assistance Declaration was authorized today, December 5, 2017, for the Thomas Fire. The same must be done for the Creek Fire.

Before the Creek Fire causes any more damage and grows any larger, I ask that you make any and all preparations necessary so that FEMA can rapidly provide California with a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) when the local authorities make the official request for the grant. I also ask that you take

necessary steps in preparation of making a disaster declaration should the Governor request it. These fires have the capacity to devastate and I want to make sure all resources are at the ready to prevent further damage and to protect the people of my Los Angeles.

Sincerely,


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