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President Donald J. Trump  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
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Mr. President,

I am writing you today regarding the desperate need for assistance from your administration to help individuals and families impacted by wildfire disasters in my district and Eastern Washington state.

Unfortunately, for the past four years, Governor Inslee has chosen to repeatedly attack you and your Administration, putting his personal political disagreements with you ahead of the people he is supposed to represent. Now, his political posturing has directly impacted his ability to work with you to help the people of Malden and Pine City in Whitman County.

Mr. President, as you know, I have made it a priority to work with your Administration to create jobs, drain the swamp, and put the American people first. Despite our governor's bad faith personal vendetta against your Administration, people in my district need support, and I implore you to move forward in providing it to those who have been impacted by devastating wildfires in our region.

The biggest fear expressed to me when I visited Malden and Pine City the same day the Governor did, was that after the speeches were over, and news cameras were gone, politicians would forget about Malden. I am writing to you today to ensure that does not happen. For too long, people in small rural towns across America have been forgotten and left behind. Your administration made it a priority to fix that trend and I am now asking you to be rural America's champion once again and ensure the people of Malden and Pine City are not forgotten.

With that, I am formally requesting you and your administration to approve FEMA Individual Assistance to go directly to individuals and families impacted by wildfires in Eastern Washington state. Additionally, funding through FEMA's Individual and Households Program could go to impacted families in my district to assist the recovery.

Only you can provide the direct assistance that the people of Malden and Pine City in Whitman County so desperately need. I ask you to approve it without delay.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress

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