

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

February 10, 2025

Cameron Hamilton  
Acting Administrator  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
500 C Street, SW, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Washington, DC 20472

Everett Woodel, Jr.  
Acting Administrator  
Small Business Administration  
409 Third Street SW  
Washington, DC 20416

Dear Acting Administrator Hamilton and Acting Administrator Woodel,

We are writing to urge you to extend all deadlines for federal assistance until at least December 31, 2025 for victims to apply for assistance under the January 7, 2025 California Wildfires and Straight-line Winds Major Disaster Declaration.

The current deadline to apply for most FEMA and SBA assistance is March 10, 2025. The exception is SBA economic injury loans, due on October 8, 2025. The standard 60-day application period is sufficient for many disasters; however, you have the authority to extend the filing deadline in extraordinary cases. We understand that extending the deadlines is easier when you receive a request from the governor, and we expect that you will receive such a request in short order. We also recognize that SBA usually follows FEMA's lead in extending deadlines.

The Palisades and the Eaton fires have only now been fully contained. Federal benefits are to cover uninsured losses. Many families do not know yet how much it will cost to rebuild and repair, and it will be many months before these families know whether their losses exceed their insurance. Some are reluctant to apply for aid until they know if they have uninsured losses and are therefore eligible.

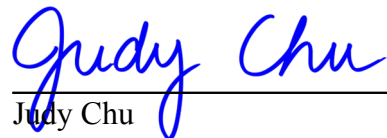
We urge you to act swiftly to extend the application deadline to provide the additional time needed by those who were severely impacted by this disaster. Thank you for your commitment to help the victims of this disaster and your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,



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Brad Sherman  
Member of Congress



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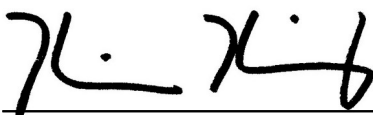
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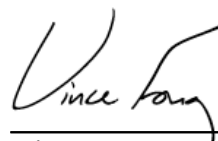
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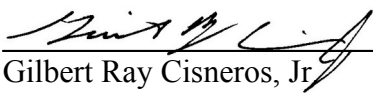
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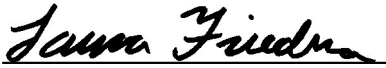
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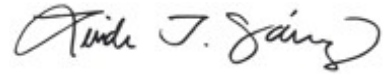
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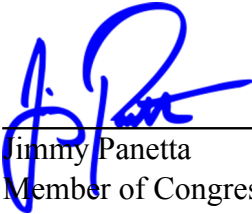
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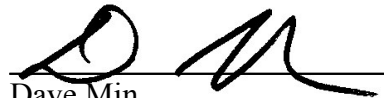
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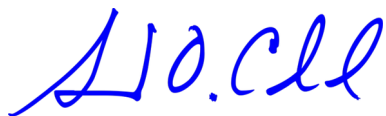
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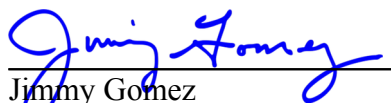
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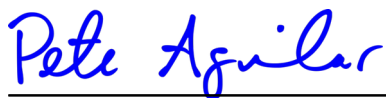
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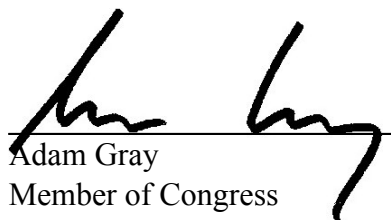
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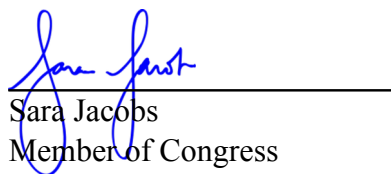
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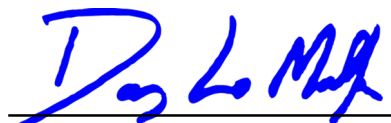
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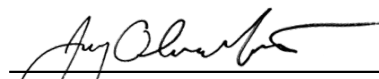
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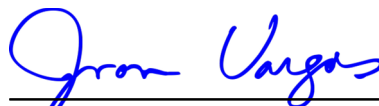
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