

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 471
OFFERED BY MR. MIN OF CALIFORNIA

After section 2 insert the following:

1 SEC. 3. FINDINGS; SENSE OF CONGRESS RELATING TO LOS
2 ANGELES WILDFIRES.

3 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

4 (1) The communities of the greater Los Angeles
5 area have endured unimaginable hardship and loss
6 as a result of the wildfires that began on January
7 7, 2025.

8 (2) As of January 20, 2025, at least 27 individ-
9 uals are confirmed to have died in the fires accord-
10 ing to the Los Angeles County officials.

11 (3) Thousands of homes, schools, businesses,
12 and other structures have been destroyed in the
13 greater Los Angeles area.

14 (4) The fires are expected to be the costliest in
15 our nation’s history, with at least tens of billions of
16 dollars in projected economic damages.

17 (5) A complete assessment of deaths, casualties,
18 and structural and environmental damages resulting
19 from the fires will evolve as recovery efforts continue
20 and post-disaster evaluations are completed.

1 (6) Additional Federal assistance may be need-
2 ed to help communities recover from the devastating
3 near-term and long-term consequences of the fires.

4 (7) Climate change is expected to lead to more
5 extreme and costly natural disasters like wildfires.

6 (8) President Trump and senior Republican
7 lawmakers in the House of Representatives and the
8 Senate have made statements in support of imposing
9 unrelated conditions on disaster assistance for the
10 fire victims.

11 (9) The State of California has consistently
12 provided assistance for disaster response efforts in
13 other states, including most recently sending per-
14 sonnel and equipment to the southeastern United
15 States in support of search and rescue operations in
16 the aftermath of Hurricanes Helen and Milton.

17 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
18 gress that—

19 (1) Congress and the President of the United
20 States should act quickly to enact comprehensive
21 disaster assistance for individuals adversely im-
22 pacted by the wildfires in the greater Los Angeles
23 Area that began on January 7, 2025;

24 (2) the people of California deserve to receive
25 Federal disaster assistance in a manner that is con-

1 sistent with all other disaster responses, free of un-
2 related or politically motivated conditions on the pro-
3 vision of such assistance; and

4 (3) calls to condition disaster assistance for the
5 fire victims are antithetical to our nation's values
6 and our commitment to one another as Americans.

