

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8790, AS REPORTED  
OFFERED BY MS. PETTERSEN OF COLORADO**

Strike section 201 and insert the following:

1   **SEC. 201. COMMUNITY WILDFIRE RISK REDUCTION PRO-**  
2                                   **GRAM.**

3           (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 30 days after  
4 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretaries shall  
5 jointly establish—

6                   (1) an interagency program to be known as the  
7           “Community Wildfire Risk Reduction Program” (in  
8 this section referred to as the “Program”);

9                   (2) an Interagency Coordinating Committee to  
10 oversee the planning and management of the Pro-  
11 gram; and

12                   (3) an Advisory Committee on Wildfire Risk  
13 Reduction to provide technical expertise with respect  
14 to activities under the Program.

15           (b) PURPOSE OF PROGRAM.—The purpose of the  
16 Program established under subsection (a)(1) is to support  
17 interagency coordination in reducing the risk of, and the  
18 damages resulting from, wildfires in communities (includ-  
19 ing tribal communities) in the wildland-urban interface  
20 through—

1           (1) reducing risk in the built environment  
2           through mitigation measures such as the use of igni-  
3           tion resistant construction and retrofitting materials;

4           (2) advancing interdisciplinary research and  
5           science (including through support for non-Federal  
6           research partnerships relating to engineering and  
7           natural, social, and economic sciences) with respect  
8           to—

9                   (A) wildfire resilience and land manage-  
10                  ment; and

11                  (B) the effects of wildfire on communities,  
12                  buildings, structures, and lifeline infrastructure;

13           (3) supporting adoption by Indian Tribes and  
14           local governmental entities of fire-resistant building  
15           methods, codes, and standards;

16           (4) supporting efforts by Indian Tribes or local  
17           governmental entities to address the effects of  
18           wildland fire on such communities, including prop-  
19           erty damages, air quality, and water quality;

20           (5) continuing interagency work on the develop-  
21           ment and maintenance of wildfire detection strate-  
22           gies and early warning systems related to wildfire;

23           (6) encouraging public-private partnerships to  
24           conduct hazardous fuels management and built envi-

1       ronment risk reduction activities in the wildland-  
2       urban interface;

3           (7) providing technical and financial assistance  
4       targeted towards communities, including tribal com-  
5       munities, through streamlined and unified technical  
6       assistance and grant management mechanisms, in-  
7       cluding the portal and grant application established  
8       under subsection (c), to—

9           (A) encourage critical risk reduction meas-  
10       ures on private property with high wildfire risk  
11       exposure in such communities—

12           (i) through entry into contracts, coop-  
13       erative agreements, and public-private  
14       partnerships;

15           (ii) by developing standards, guide-  
16       lines, and voluntary consensus codes for  
17       wildfire hazards reduction for buildings,  
18       structures, and lifeline infrastructure; and

19           (iii) by developing and maintaining an  
20       online repository of information related to  
21       community wildfire hazards reduction (in-  
22       cluding technical data on wildfire risk and  
23       community resilience) for use by States,  
24       Indian Tribes, and local governments; and

1 (B) mitigate costs for and improve capac-  
2 ity among such communities; and

3 (8) coordinating budgets among the program  
4 agencies.

5 (c) INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COMMITTEE.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Interagency Coordi-  
7 nating Committee established under subsection  
8 (a)(2) shall consist of at least one representative  
9 from each of the following:

10 (A) The Office of Wildland Fire of the De-  
11 partment of the Interior.

12 (B) The National Park Service.

13 (C) The Bureau of Land Management.

14 (D) The United States Fish and Wildlife  
15 Service.

16 (E) The Bureau of Indian Affairs.

17 (F) The Forest Service.

18 (G) The Federal Emergency Management  
19 Agency.

20 (H) The United States Fire Administra-  
21 tion.

22 (I) The National Institute of Standards  
23 and Technology.

24 (J) The Office of Management and Budg-  
25 et.

1           (2) DUTIES.—The Interagency Coordinating  
2 Committee shall be responsible for the following:

3           (A) Establishment of the goals and activi-  
4 ties of the Program.

5           (B) Coordinating activities under the Pro-  
6 gram with—

7           (i) other interagency coordinating  
8 committees, including the Interagency Co-  
9 ordinating Committee on Earthquake Haz-  
10 ard Reduction;

11           (ii) other natural hazard coordination  
12 committees;

13           (iii) the Advisory Committee estab-  
14 lished under subsection (d); and

15           (iv) other Federal agencies, including  
16 Federal agencies with expertise in remote  
17 sensing, weather prediction, public health.

18           (C) Submitting the reports required under  
19 paragraph (4).

20           (3) MEETINGS.—The Interagency Coordinating  
21 Committee shall meet in person or via teleconference  
22 or video conference not less than twice per year.

23           (4) REPORTS REQUIRED.—Not later than 2  
24 years after the date of the enactment of this Act and  
25 biennially thereafter, the Interagency Coordinating

1 Committee shall, in consultation with the Advisory  
2 Committee established under subsection (d), submit  
3 to Congress a report on the Program, including—

4 (A) the program budget for each Federal  
5 agency participating in the Interagency Coordinating  
6 Committee;

7 (B) a description of activities undertaken  
8 under the Program during the reporting period;

9 (C) a description of how the Program has  
10 incorporated input from the Advisory Com-  
11 mittee,

12 (D) an evaluation of Program progress to-  
13 ward the purpose identified in subsection (b);  
14 and

15 (E) any recommendations to Congress to  
16 improve progress towards such purpose or to  
17 improve existing programs related to wildfire  
18 risk reduction.

19 (d) ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON WILDFIRE RISK RE-  
20 DUCATION.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Advisory Committee on  
22 Wildfire Risk Reduction established under sub-  
23 section (a)(3) shall consist of not more than 25  
24 members to be appointed jointly by the Secretary of  
25 the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the

1 Administrator of the Federal Emergency Manage-  
2 ment Agency who—

3 (A) represent non-Federal stakeholders  
4 with expertise in community wildfire prepared-  
5 ness, mitigation, and resilience;

6 (B) collectively have a combination of  
7 backgrounds, experiences, and viewpoints and  
8 are representative of urban, suburban, and  
9 rural areas, with preference given to members  
10 from States and Indian Tribal governments  
11 with high wildfire risk to homes and other  
12 structures.

13 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—Of the members required  
14 under paragraph (1), there shall be appointed:

15 (A) Not fewer than 5 State representa-  
16 tives, with at least 1 member each rep-  
17 resenting—

18 (i) a State hazard mitigation officer;

19 (ii) a State department of natural re-  
20 sources, forestry, agriculture, or a similar  
21 agency of a State or Tribe;

22 (iii) a State department of energy or  
23 a similar State agency;

24 (iv) a State department of housing or  
25 a similar State agency; and

1 (v) a State department of public  
2 health or a similar agency of a State or  
3 Tribe.

4 (B) Not fewer than 1 representative from  
5 a county government.

6 (C) Not fewer than 1 representative from  
7 a municipal government.

8 (D) Not fewer than 2 representatives from  
9 Indian Tribal governments.

10 (E) Not fewer than 2 representatives from  
11 the public utility industry, of which 1 represent-  
12 ative shall be of a public electric utility or group  
13 of public electric utilities; and 1 representative  
14 shall be of a public water utility or group of  
15 public water utilities.

16 (F) Not fewer than 4 representatives from  
17 industry, to include at least 1 representative  
18 from the property development industry; at  
19 least 1 representative from the insurance indus-  
20 try; at least 1 representative from the engineer-  
21 ing industry; and at least 1 representative from  
22 the architecture and landscaping industry.

23 (G) Not fewer than 2 representatives from  
24 firefighters with at least 1 member representing



1 the structural fire service and 1 member rep-  
2 resenting wildland firefighters.

3 (H) Not fewer than 1 representative from  
4 a building codes and standards setting organi-  
5 zation.

6 (I) Not fewer than 1 representative from  
7 land use planning specialists.

8 (J) Not fewer than 2 representatives from  
9 academia and research with at least 1 rep-  
10 resentative of the building sciences research  
11 community and at least 1 representative of aca-  
12 demia with expertise in wildfire science.

13 (K) Any other appropriate non-Federal  
14 stakeholder, which may include the private sec-  
15 tor, with preference given to representatives  
16 from high-risk States and high-risk Indian  
17 Tribal governments.

18 (3) DUTIES.—The Advisory Committee on  
19 Wildfire Risk Reduction shall:

20 (A) Meet in person or via teleconference or  
21 video conference not less than twice per year.

22 (B) Provide recommendations for the im-  
23 provement of the Community Wildfire Risk Re-  
24 duction Program, including assessment of the

1 management, coordination, implementation, and  
2 effectiveness of Program activities.

3 (e) PORTAL AND UNIFORM GRANT APPLICATION.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—As part of the Program, the  
5 Secretaries and the Administrator of the Federal  
6 Emergency Management Agency shall establish a  
7 portal through which a person may submit a single,  
8 uniform application for any of the following:

9 (A) A community wildfire defense grant  
10 under section 40803(f) of the Infrastructure In-  
11 vestment and Jobs Act (16 U.S.C. 6592(f)).

12 (B) An emergency management perform-  
13 ance grant under section 662 of the Post-  
14 Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of  
15 2006 (6 U.S.C. 761).

16 (C) A grant under section 33 of the Fed-  
17 eral Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974  
18 (15 U.S.C. 2229).

19 (D) A grant under section 34 of the Fed-  
20 eral Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974  
21 (15 U.S.C. 2229a).

22 (E) Financial or technical assistance or a  
23 grant under sections 203, 205, 404, or 406 of  
24 the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and

1           Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5133,  
2           5135, 5170c, 5172, 5187).

3           (2) SIMPLIFICATION OF APPLICATION.—In es-  
4           tablishing the portal and application under para-  
5           graph (1), the Secretaries and the Administrator  
6           shall seek to reduce the complexity and length of the  
7           application process for the grants described in para-  
8           graph (1).

9           (3) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretaries  
10          shall provide technical assistance to communities or  
11          persons seeking to apply for financial assistance  
12          through the portal using the application established  
13          under paragraph (1).

14          (f) SUNSET.—The Program established under this  
15          section shall terminate on the date that is 7 years after  
16          the date of enactment of this Act.

