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Washington, D.C. 20250

April 12, 2022

The Honorable Jeff Merkley
Chairman
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. Senate
S-128, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This letter transmits the United States Department of Agriculture's Forest Service response to the Extending Government Funding and Delivering Emergency Assistance Act of 2021, Title VII, that the Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture shall jointly provide to Congress a framework to modernize the wildland firefighting workforce beginning in fiscal year 2022.

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A similar letter is being sent to Ranking Member Lisa Murkowski.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Vilsack
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The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. Senate
125 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Ranking Member Murkowski:

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The Honorable Chellie Pingree
Chair
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
2007 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Madam Chair:

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Ranking Member
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U.S. House of Representatives
1016 Longworth House Office Building
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