Key Vote Alert

January 21, 2025

Dear Members of the House of Representatives:

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce strongly supports H.R. 471, the Fix Our Forests Act of 2025, sponsored by Rep. Bruce Westerman and Rep. Scott Peters. The Chamber will consider including votes on this legislation in our annual "How They Voted Scorecard."

The devastating wildfires in Los Angeles underscore the need to prepare for the threat of wildfires while enhancing the ability of communities to withstand and recover from such events. The Fix Our Forests Act will help restore forest health, increase resiliency to catastrophic wildfires, reduce project delays, and limit frivolous lawsuits.

We know that investing in resilience works. Our report – <u>The Preparedness Payoff</u> – found that every \$1 invested in resilience and preparedness saves communities \$13 in damages, cleanup costs and economic impact. For more information, our wildfire specific research is attached.

The Fix Our Forests Act will help economies and communities recover more quickly through a commonsense approach.

We urge you to vote for H.R. 471, the Fix Our Forests Act.

Sincerely,

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