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President Joseph Biden
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

Congratulations on your inauguration as 46th President of the United States. While we may have policy differences along the way, I am committed to finding common ground when possible so we can get results for people in my district and all Americans. I am writing to bring your immediate attention to the devastation experienced by communities in Eastern Washington during the 2020 wildfire season and to seek your help in approving a major disaster declaration that will provide relief for the residents of Malden and Pine City in Whitman County, Washington.

I visited Malden and Pine City in September, and the devastation took my breath away. The city hall, post office, and fire station were gone. Homes and surrounding farmlands were destroyed. My team and I have sought relief for these communities, but individuals, families and businesses are still waiting.

Washington Governor Jay Inslee transmitted a request for a major disaster declaration for the state, as well as public and individual assistance for Whitman County. I implore you to approve this request as soon as possible to help get relief to these Americans who badly need it. Your approval of this disaster declaration would go a long way towards helping impacted families as they continue to rebuild their lives.

I look forward to receiving an update on this request. Please do not hesitate to contact me or my office should you need additional information.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress

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