

STATE/VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE APPROPRIATIONS

TALKING POINTS

- America's forests and forest-dependent communities are at risk from outbreaks of pests and pathogens, persistent drought, and the buildup of hazardous fuels.
- Urbanization and development patterns are placing more homes and communities near fire-prone landscapes, leading to more destructive and costly wildland fires.
- The State Fire Assistance (SFA) and Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) programs help decrease total federal costs for emergency wildland fire suppression by bolstering local readiness and improving local response in the event of a fire.
- The programs also reduce the threat of fire to people, communities, and both public and private lands.

ASK

- Provide \$79 million for the State Fire Assistance Program and \$22 million for the Volunteer Fire Assistance Program to fully and adequately fight fires and keep our homes and communities safe.

