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**SUPPORT OUR FEDERAL WILDLAND FIREFIGHTERS!**

I am proud and honored to announce the introduction of *the National Wildfire Infrastructure Improvement & Cost Containment Act* (H.R. 4488).

This bill seeks to restore the strength of the federal wildfire response as originally envisioned by the National Fire Plan adopted by Congress earlier this decade while improving the effectiveness and efficiencies of these programs. Most importantly, passage of this legislation will lead to reforms in the fiscal management of these federal land management agency fire programs that will lead to significant savings in wildfire suppression spending.

It is clearly time for Congress to address the long-standing issues articulated in this bill and to provide American citizens with the strongest, most cost-effective and efficient federal wildfire response possible to meet the challenges the complexities of wildfires in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century pose to our citizens and our federal wildland firefighters.

Each year, these brave men and women risk their lives to protect our nation's natural resources and our citizen's lives along with their real & personal property. It is time we listen to the true experts in wildland firefighting, the firefighters.

Please join me in this endeavor so we can send a clear message to these firefighters and our nation's taxpayers that we in Congress hear their voices and will take action to ensure our nation's federal wildfire response is the strongest, most efficient and cost-effective possible. Please contact Shane Maharaj at 5-8045 or at [Shane.Maharaj@mail.house.gov](mailto:Shane.Maharaj@mail.house.gov) with any questions or to co-sponsor this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Filner".

Bob Filner  
Member of Congress