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National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners

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The Honorable Harriet Hageman
Chair
Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and **Fisheries**
Committee on Natural Resources
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Val Hoyle
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and **Fisheries**
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Re: Commending the Recent Hearing on Wildfire and Forest Management Issues

Dear Chair Hageman and Ranking Member Hoyle,

The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) commends the Subcommittee for holding its recent hearing on implementation and oversight of the *Fix Our Forests Act*. By convening this discussion, the Subcommittee has spotlighted the pressing need for stronger interagency collaboration and proactive wildfire mitigation measures—priorities that NARUC has consistently championed.


NARUC's 2024 *Resolution on Wildfire Impacts on Utility Customer Reliability and Affordability* encourages rapid coordination between utilities and federal land management agencies and better access to rights-of-way on public lands to manage vegetation and mitigate wildfire risks. The *Fix Our Forests Act* reflects those principles by, among other things, creating expedited project reviews and establishing programs to strengthen fire prevention and community resilience. The bill's emphasis on interagency coordination through the establishment of a new Wildfire Intelligence Center and cross-boundary "fire shed management" approach also aligns with NARUC's recommendations in its comprehensive and recently released *Wildfire Handbook for State Utility Regulators*.¹

We are particularly encouraged that the Subcommittee continues to draw national attention to the need for Senate action on S.1462. Wildfire risk is no longer a regional concern—it is a national reliability and infrastructure challenge. We have sent a separate letter today to Senate Leadership urging action. We hope your continued leadership will help move the Senate toward swift passage of this critical bipartisan legislation.

¹ Chapters available free online in PDF and e-book formats at: <https://www.naruc.org/core-sectors/critical-infrastructure-and-cybersecurity/wildfire-workbook/>.

Thank you for your commitment to advancing policy solutions that protect communities, natural resources, and the nation's energy infrastructure.

Respectfully,



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