

**SUPPORT FOR S. 1323: THE FACILITATING INCREASED RESILIENCE,
ENVIRONMENTAL WEATHERIZATION AND LOWERED LIABILITY (FIREWALL) ACT**

The January 2025 Los Angeles County Wildfires inflicted incomprehensible damage on the Los Angeles County community, destroying over 18,000 homes and structures and displacing hundreds of thousands of residents. As communities begin to rebuild, legislation is needed to support homeowners as they seek to fortify their homes to help protect them from future disasters.

U.S. Senators Adam Schiff and Tim Sheehy introduced the Facilitating Increased Resilience, Environmental Weatherization and Lowered Liability (FIREWALL) Act, a bipartisan bill that would create a new federal tax credit aimed at increasing community resilience to natural disasters and wildfires.

This legislation would provide homeowners with tax credits for eligible home hardening upgrades that would make their properties more resilient to future disasters, such as wildfires and floods. The new tax credit would cover 50% of eligible upgrades up to \$25,000 for families who make less than \$200,000 a year, with the credit phasing out for families making between \$200,000 to \$300,000. Some of the eligible upgrades include fire resistant building materials and roofing, stormwater barriers, air filtration, and vegetation removal. The tax credit will be adjusted for inflation starting in 2026 and would be fully refundable. The credit would be available to communities that have experienced a federally declared disaster in the last 10 years

This Board is grateful for the support and representation from Senator Schiff, who continues to prioritize California’s wildfire recovery efforts.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Executive Officer, through the Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Branch, to support S. 1323, the Facilitating Increased Resilience, Environmental Weatherization and Lowered Liability (FIREWALL) Act.

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