## Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

August 30, 2024

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden President of the United States The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Biden:

We are writing in support of Chairman Terry Rambler's request for a major disaster declaration for the San Carlos Apache Tribe, as a result of the Watch Fire.

During the period of July 10 to 17, 2024, the Watch Fire burned approximately 2,162 acres over four days, destroying 21 homes and 13 auxiliary structures, and affecting an additional seven homes. As a result, 75 residents are now homeless.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 401 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C.§§5121-5207, and implemented by 44 CFR §206.36, we ask that the San Carlos Apache Tribe receive a major disaster declaration.

Mr. President, we respectfully request your swift consideration and approval of this designation in accordance with all laws, rules, regulations, and agency policies. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Kyrsten Sinema

United States Senator

Mark Kelly

United States Senator

Eli Crane

Member of Congress

Raul Grijalva

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