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I am 22 years old and have been fighting wild-land fires for 4 years. My family has been battling wildfires for 3 generations in Oregon.

We speak from experience that actions to combat wildfires should not be reactionary, it must be progressive to defend life and community.

Firefighters need the equipment and support of the state to ensure the continued success of fire line operations. We cannot do it without you.

Contract and local fire work is seen as dead ends. No significant career growth, bad pay, and bad equipment. The people who stay working the fire line locally do so because they love the woods and their communities.

My grandfather was able to support a family of five after a couple month fire roll during the summer, I now struggle to afford my housing, food, healthcare and so much more.

WE Need Your Support! We Can't Do It Without YOU!

I speak personally, that I will always serve my state fighting fires, I appreciate the senators taking this fight so we don't have to!