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Jared Huffman, Congressman 2nd District, CA
US House of Representatives
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Dear Congressman Huffman:

BACKGROUND

In March 2016 during a severe winter storm, Cazadero incurred two major washouts and undercutting of our primary evacuation route due to heavy flows in Austin Creek, rendering Cazadero Hwy reduced to one-lane controlled traffic. Sonoma County's Transportation and Public Works Department applied for FEMA funding for repairs in mid 2017:

Caz Hwy 12.94 - PA-09-CA-4301-PW-00267(0)
Caz Hwy 13.27 - PA-09-CA-4301-PW-00194(0)

Our concern rests with the fact nearly two years have elapsed since the County's initial application for federal funding. This primary route serving nearly 2,500 local and part-time vacation residents still has not been granted funding past the geotechnical stage of reconstruction. Our situation in Cazadero is similar to that of Paradise in Butte County – one primary road in and out of the community in the event of an emergency.

Cazadero has been defined as a Tier 3 Very High Threat Fire Zone by CPUC and CalFire, plus we are a mere 12 miles from the San Andreas Fault. Throttling transportation due to one-way traffic blockage at two undercut sites on our major evacuation route severely limits incoming first responders and of course restricts residential evacuees attempting to leave the area.

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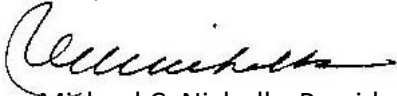
THE ASK

We ask for your assistance in ramping up the Federal funding process and environmental review in order that washout repairs can be completed cost effectively next summer to coordinate with a major 3.25-mile repaving project on Cazadero Hwy by the Sonoma County TPW.

Our situation is dire, and our constituents are becoming increasingly more alarmed regarding continued federal postponements restoring two-way traffic to our community's primary evacuation route.

Thank you!

Best,



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