



June 24, 2024

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden Jr.
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

On the behalf of the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC), I thank you for your decades of support to the nation's fire service, including the Assistance to Firefighter Grants (AFG), Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grants (SAFER) and U.S. Fire Administration (USFA). On Tuesday, June 18 the Senate passed S. 870 the *Fire Grants and Safety Act*, which cleared the way for this legislation to be signed into law. The NVFC appreciates and strongly supports your intention to sign this legislation.

AFG, SAFER and USFA are critical to the fire service retaining a baseline level of readiness and the NVFC is grateful for your administration's statement of policy supporting S. 870. We are also grateful that your FY 2025 Budget Request includes increased funding for AFG, SAFER and USFA.

The NVFC looks forward to continuing to partner with your administration on ways we can further support the nation's fire service. Especially on initiatives where we can bolster the great work of AFG, SAFER and USFA, whose future will be extended with your signing of S. 870.

Respectfully,

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Chair, National Volunteer Fire Council

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