

## **Organizations and Local Governments focused on Wildfire Victim Recovery and Community Resiliency:**

We are writing to respectfully invite your leadership at a critical moment for wildfire survivors across California. As you know, wildfire survivors in Northern California still have not been fully compensated from the 2015-2018 PG&E fires and those in Southern California face a similar unjust prospect of less-than-full-or-just recovery from the 2025 SCE Eaton Fire. Specifically, we ask that you **sign on to the attached coalition letter** pledging your support for **AB 2700** and for additional legislation informed by the recent **SB 254 Study** to ensure **full, fair, and timely compensation for all wildfire victims**. The attached [link](#) is provided for ease of sign-on support.

AB 2700 is now before the Assembly Appropriations Committee following a unanimous **17-0 vote** in Assembly Utilities & Energy. The bill represents a critical step forward by requiring the CPUC to identify **verified restitution shortfalls** and to recommend **mechanisms to ensure all victims are fully compensated**.

There is a significant grassroots effort among thousands of wildfire survivors across California driving for just and fair treatment when investor-owned utilities start catastrophic fires. We ask you to join these voices to drive legislative mechanisms that ensure **ALL utility fire victims are fully compensated**.

There is a longstanding imbalance and injustice where wildfire survivors across our state remain substantially **under-compensated**, with no existing statutory pathway to recover the remaining losses. We understand that the strategic tactics leveraged to drive this unjust scheme include a string of IOU backed initiatives including but not limited to Sustainable Wildfire Fund LLC and Wildfire Victims First.<sup>1</sup> The fact that these wildfire recovery frameworks are also backed by certain hedge fund investors furthers the imbalance and undermines public interests in wildfire safety, affordable rates and fire victim restitution.

Please, understand that we are counting on your support. The recently released **SB 254 Study** findings while disappointing in terms of a lack of focus on utility accountability, strengthens our resolve and further reinforces the moral imperative that California must move toward systems that deliver **timely, efficient, and equitable compensation for all fire victims**. While AB 2700 provides the legislative foundation to translate those study findings into action, we also seek your support with strengthening this bill and other legislation that moves through committees this session to:

1. Ensure **timely and transparent identification of restitution shortfalls**,
2. Require **implementation mechanisms** and not just recommendations or further study,
3. Prioritize **non-ratepayer solutions** (deferred dividends, restitution bonds, etc.) that hold utilities accountable and tie CPUC authorized return on equity (ROE) to public interest outcomes.

As you know, PG&E made a commitment, supported by the California Legislature, that explicitly and repeatedly expressed that wildfire victims would be fully, fairly and timely compensated. SCE has made similar proclamations with the recent 2025 Eaton Fire. These commitments must now be fulfilled and will only be accomplished with your support and action.

We respectfully ask for you to support this just and righteous cause. We anticipate sharing this coalition letter with California leaders and relevant media to elevate the importance of this issue as central to justice for wildfire survivors. We can no longer perpetuate a system where utilities, insurance companies and certain institutional investors make increased profits when igniting fires and through strategic efforts to leverage long and painfully delayed restitution processes for fire victims. Please, sign this letter through the [attached link](#) by **Thursday, April 30, 2026**.

**Thank you for your consideration and all that you continue to do on behalf of utility-caused wildfire survivors.** Please, feel free to reach out to me directly if you have any questions about these bills or our efforts to support wildfire survivors across California. We would welcome the opportunity to connect directly and discuss how we can work together to advance these shared goals.

Respectfully,

Advocate  
Utility Wildfire Survivor Coalition

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<sup>1</sup> See April 16, 2026 Consumer Watchdog Press Release, <https://consumerwatchdog.org/energy/watchdog-and-actual-wildfire-survivors-launch-utilities-shareholders-first-to-counter-pge-backed-wildfire-victims-first/>, <https://sustainablewildfirefund.com/>