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On Behalf Of:

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Hello Co-Chair Frederick, Co-Chair McLain, and members of the committee.

My name is Shaelynn Davis, and I had the opportunity to participate in the Community Wildfire Protection Corps (CWPC) the summer of 2022 through Northwest Youth Corps. As an alumni of this program, I am asking that you support the request for \$10 million for the Oregon Conservation Corps and \$2 million dedicated to Tribal Youth Corps funding.

I believe the program is extremely important for creating awareness and action within our youth and our communities in regards to structural protection in the event of a wildfire. The knowledge I gained from this experience sparked my passion for a paradigm shift in the way we approach fire fighting in the wildland-urban interface (WUI), and I want others to have that same passion and knowledge.

Thank you.