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To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to provide flexibility with the cost share for fire management assistance, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NEGUSE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Wildfire Recovery
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FIRE MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE COST SHARE.**

2 Section 420 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief
3 and Emergency Assistance Act is amended by adding at
4 the end the following:

5 “(f) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of assist-
6 ance under this section shall be not less than 75 percent
7 of the eligible cost, as set forth in the regulations, of such
8 assistance.”.

9 **SEC. 3. RULEMAKING.**

10 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment
11 of this Act, the President, acting through the Adminis-
12 trator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency and
13 in consultation with the heads of relevant Federal depart-
14 ments and agencies, including the United States Forest
15 Service and Department of Interior, shall conduct and
16 complete a rulemaking to develop guidelines and a rule
17 that establishes thresholds for cases in which the Federal
18 cost share for section 420 of the Robert T. Stafford Dis-
19 aster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
20 5187) may be increased. Such thresholds shall use a fire-
21 specific metric to determine fire damage referred to in
22 subsection (a) of such section, and recommend a Federal
23 cost share adjustment for fire damage that meets the es-
24 tablished thresholds. The Administrator shall follow all no-

- 1 tice and comment requirements set forth in section 553
- 2 of title 5, United States Code, for such rulemaking.

