## **Call Your Members of Congress**

Call (202) 224-3121, the U.S. Capitol Switchboard, and ask to speak to your Representative or Senator

## • Call Your Representative

- Tell your Representative to sign the House Dear Colleague letter supporting passage of the Fire Grants and Safety Act (S.870/H.R.4090) as part of the FY24 appropriations package.
- Have your Representative contact the offices of Reps. Bost, Kean, Hoyer, Pascrell, or Fitzpatrick to join the Dear Colleague letter.
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## • Call Your Senator

- Tell your Senator to ensure the Fire Grants and Safety Act (S.870/H.R.4090) becomes law as part of the FY24 appropriations package.
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## **Additional Talking Points for Calls**

- AFG and SAFER will cease to exist if they are not reauthorized by September 30, 2024.
- The Fire Grants and Safety Act (S.870/H.R.4090) is a bipartisan bill that would reauthorize the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) and Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) programs, which are critical to ensuring that fire and EMS departments have the equipment, staffing, and training they need to protect themselves and their communities.
- Without reauthorization, these programs will sunset by the end of this fiscal year.
- The U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) serves as a critical voice of the fire service at the federal level. USFA provides vital training, data, analysis, education, and much more for both fire and EMS personnel, as well as the general public.
- USFA also must be reauthorized to ensure it can continue supporting America's fire and emergency services.
- Together, AFG, SAFER, and USFA help to improve fire and life safety across the country.
- <u>Senate Ask</u>: Please ensure the Fire Grants and Safety Act (S.870/H.R.4090) becomes law as part of the FY24 appropriations package.
- <u>House Ask</u>: Please sign the House Dear Colleague letter supporting passing the Fire Grants and Safety Act (S.870/H.R.4090) as part of the FY24 appropriations package.