

FIREWOOD BANK RESOURCE

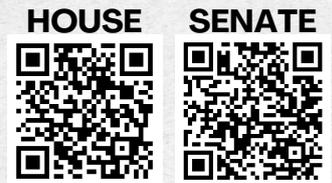
2025 FEDERAL LEGISLATURE CONTACT GUIDE

Our elected officials are the best avenue to advocate for local energy needs at the federal level. They respond to personal messaging and phone calls and need to hear from firewood banks! Here are some good reminders to follow when contacting congressional members.



FIND YOUR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

For the U.S. House of Representatives: Use the [Find My Representative](https://www.house.gov/committees) tool at this website <https://www.house.gov/committees>. Type in your zip code at the top of the page and see you represents you!



For the U.S. Senate: Use this [page](https://www.senate.gov/senators/senators-contact.htm) by selecting your state at this website <https://www.senate.gov/senators/senators-contact.htm>

If a phone call is more your style, use the **U.S. Capitol Switchboard! Call (202) 224-3121**. A switchboard operator will connect you directly with your Senate or Representative's office.

Check if your representatives are on committees relevant to firewood banks and biomass heat! Members of the following are listed on the next pages of this resource.

- [U.S. House of Representatives Energy and Commerce Committee](#)
- [House of Representatives Agriculture - Forestry Committee](#)
- [U.S. Senate - Subcommittee on Conservation, Forestry, Natural Resources, and Biotechnology Resources, and Biotechnology](#)
- [U.S. Senate - Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forestry, and Mining](#)

Tips for Contacting Elected Officials

- Be Original – Personalize your message. Use a template if needed, but add your own words.
- Stay Brief – Keep letters/emails to one page. Legislative aides often summarize messages, so clarity is key.
- Introduce Yourself – Share who you are, where you're from, and your connection to a Firewood Bank. Identify yourself as a constituent—If you voted for the legislator or donated money to the legislator or their party, say so.
- Personalize Your Message – Explain how Firewood Banks benefit your community (e.g., elderly/disabled support, recycled wood for heating, youth education). Connect firewood use to local forests, community risk reduction and resilience, and wildfire prevention. Focus on three key points to be concise and memorable.
- Include Your Address – Helps confirm you're a constituent and allows for a response.
- Follow Up – Track anything related to Firewood Banks. Thank legislators for their support or express concerns respectfully. Reference past correspondence when following up.

Adapted from University of California, Berkeley

2025 U.S. House of Representatives Agriculture - Forestry Committee

Democratic Members



ANDREA SALINAS

Ranking Member
OR-06



JIM COSTA

CA-21



GABE VASQUEZ

NM-02



ADAM GRAY

CA-13



JOSH RILEY

NY-19



DOUG LAMALFA

Chairman
CA-01



BARRY MOORE

Vice Chair
AL-02

Republican Members



DAVID ROUZER

NC-07



TONY WIED

WI-08



TRENT KELLY

MS-01



JIM BAIRD

IN-04



DAN NEWHOUSE

WA-04

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2025 U.S. Senate - Subcommittee on Conservation, Forestry, Natural Resources, and Biotechnology



CHAIR

Roger Marshall

(R - Kansas)



RANKING MEMBER

Michael Bennet

(D - Colorado)

Majority

Jim Justice (R - West Virginia)
John Hoeven (R - North Dakota)
John Thune (R - South Dakota)
Joni Ernst (R - Iowa)
Cindy Hyde-Smith (R - Mississippi)

Minority

Ben Ray Luján (D - New Mexico)
Raphael Warnock (D - Georgia)
Peter Welch (D - Vermont)
Adam Schiff (D - California)

2025 U.S. Senate - Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forestry, and Mining

Majority Members (8)

Barrasso, John (WY), *Chairman*
Risch, James E. (ID)
Daines, Steve (MT)
Cotton, Tom (AR)
Justice, James C. (WV)
Hyde-Smith, Cindy (MS)
Murkowski, Lisa (AK)
Lee, Mike (UT), *Ex Officio*

Minority Members (7)

Cortez Masto, Catherine (NV), *Ranking Member*
Wyden, Ron (OR)
Hirono, Mazie K. (HI)
King, Angus S. (ME)
Hickenlooper, John W. (CO)
Padilla, Alex (CA)
Heinrich, Martin (NM), *Ex Officio*

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