Today, Representative Quigley delivered the following remarks on the House floor:

"Thank you Madam Speaker. In the wake of the worst fire in Israel's history, I want to commend the USAID and the US Forest Service for leading America's vital effort to help extinguish the flames.

Now that the fires are out, the hardest work begins. The US Forest Service, will work closely with the Jewish National Fund and the state of Israel's national foresters to rebuild the destroyed forest.

Their first order of business will be assessing the damage and creating a plan for the long-term renewal of the historically significant Carmel Forest. The Mount Carmel region in Israel is rich in Biblical history, most famous as the site of Elijah's battle with the prophets of Baal.

The coordinated efforts of the JNF and the US Forest Service will ensure this precious area is restored and maintained for generations. The partnership of the US Forest Service and Jewish National Fund is yet another reminder of the strong ties between the United States and Israel.

I urge my colleagues support the efforts of the JNF as it works to restore and rebuild this beautiful and ancient region of Israel."