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H. R. 9534

To direct the Secretary of the Air Force to procure space-based commercial data and end products to support the efforts of the Department of Defense and the wildfire mission of the United States Northern Command.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 29, 2026

Mr. WHITESIDES (for himself, Mr. GOODEN, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. CARBAJAL, and Mr. CROW) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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 Response
5 Modernization Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROCUREMENT OF COMMERCIAL SPACE-BASED**
2 **DATA TO SUPPORT WILDFIRE RESILIENCE.**

3 (a) **PROCUREMENT.**—Subject to the availability of
4 appropriations for such purpose, the Secretary of the Air
5 Force, acting through the Commercial Space Office and
6 in coordination with the FireGuard program of the Na-
7 tional Guard and the Commander of the United States
8 Northern Command, shall procure space-based commer-
9 cial data and end products to support the efforts of the
10 Department of Defense and the wildfire mission of the
11 United States Northern Command by delivering timely, ef-
12 fective military support to the Federal Government and
13 State, local, and Tribal governments to protect military
14 readiness and installations, provide emergency military
15 support to civil authorities, and conduct proactive wildland
16 fire management.

17 (b) **AUTHORIZED SHARING.**—The Secretary may
18 share space-based commercial data and end products pro-
19 cured under subsection (a) with State, local, and Tribal
20 governments to assist with firefighting efforts.

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