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President Joseph R. Biden Jr.  
President of the United States

Dear President Biden:

This is an official request by Warren Mayor Jim Fouts to send American Troops to Canada with permission from the Canadian government to help contain the out-of-control forest fires that have been burning for two months.

My city, Warren, Michigan, is the third largest city in Michigan and we are the largest suburb in the Detroit Area. Detroit has been determined to be the most polluted city in the world due to the Canadian forest fires.

People in Michigan are in direct line of these toxic smoke clouds. It is likely to go on all Summer and perhaps even all Fall. Outdoor activities are being cancelled or they become a health threat for Michigan residents.

We enjoy Michigan outdoors and I do not want to see cancellations of various activities including Tiger Baseball games, swim events, picnics, concerts, and many other such outdoor events.

Please send American troops to this disaster area in order to prevent a real disaster from taking place in Michigan and other states in the direct eye of the storm.

Our government has sent troops for humanitarian purposes to other countries such as Haiti. Why not assist Canadian troops with American troops and equipment to better suppress a raging firestorm. Thank You Mr. President for your consideration!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James R. Fouts". The signature is stylized and fluid.

Mayor James R. Fouts  
City of Warren, Michigan