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The Honorable Sam Graves
Chairman, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rick Larsen
Ranking Member, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Graves and Ranking Member Larsen:

On behalf of the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM), the National Emergency Management Association (NEMA), Big City Emergency Managers (BCEM), and BuildStrong America, we commend your introduction of the *Fixing Emergency Management for Americans (FEMA) Act*. We appreciate the bipartisan nature of this legislation and are grateful to the committee staff for their diligence in seeking stakeholder feedback and support.

The *FEMA Act* represents a significant step forward in strengthening our nation's emergency management enterprise by reinforcing the mission of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), clarifying its authorities, and ensuring it has the tools and resources needed to prepare for, respond to, recover from, and mitigate disasters of all types. We believe the Act's provisions—especially those enhancing coordination with state, local, tribal, and territorial partners—will improve national resilience and better serve the American people.

We recognize and appreciate that the legislation is part of an ongoing effort to modernize FEMA and ensure its programs reflect current and emerging challenges. In that spirit, we also await the work of the FEMA Review Council and understand that its recommendations may inform refinements to the legislation. The signatories on this letter remain committed to working collaboratively with Congress, FEMA, and the Council to ensure the final legislation maximizes effectiveness while maintaining the flexibility needed for future adaptation of federal disaster programs.

We commend the Committee's leadership in advancing this important measure. As emergency management practitioners, we stand ready to provide input and technical expertise as the bill moves forward and as any adjustments are considered in light of the Review Council's work.

Thank you for your commitment to strengthening emergency management in the United States.

Respectfully,

Big City Emergency Managers

BuildStrong America

International Association of Emergency Managers

National Emergency Management Association