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Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
Chairman Bill Shuster
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Dear Chairman Shuster:

The Disaster Recovery Contractors Association (DRCA) would like to commend the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee for all of the hard work and dedication which was put towards the development of the Federal Emergency Management Agency Reauthorization Act of 2013.

Our membership believes that the Urban Search and Rescue Response System (USAR), the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) and the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) Grants are all critical components of an effective emergency management system at the Federal, state and local levels of government.

We believe the Committee's focus on addressing and improving these three critical components in the emergency management system will lead to more effective and efficient disaster response efforts in the future. We would also like to thank the Committee's efforts to reauthorize FEMA funding through Fiscal Year 2016.

In closing, DRCA's membership strongly supports the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee's efforts to modernize and strengthen critical components of our Nation's response system and to support key emergency response personnel through this legislation.

We look forward to addressing new challenges and working closely with you and your staff on disaster preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation issues going forward.

Kind Regards,

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