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Honorable Nick Rahall
Ranking Minority Member
House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Shuster and Ranking Member Rahall,

The Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) is very pleased that the FEMA Reauthorization Act of 2013 (H.R. 3300) has been introduced and will soon be considered by the full Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. Our members are very supportive of the bill and hope it will be successfully reported out of Committee and passed by the House.

The Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management has produced a bill that builds, importantly, on earlier legislation authorizing aspects of FEMA's responsibilities by being the first FEMA reauthorization bill. We very much appreciate the commitment and efforts of Subcommittee Chairman Barletta and Ranking Member Carson. They and the Subcommittee staff have sought advice and comments from a range of stakeholder groups and have fostered a valuable collaborative effort.

The Association of State Floodplain Managers represents over 15,000 state and local officials and private sector partners who support their work. ASFPM also has 35 state chapters. All members are dedicated to reducing loss of life and property due to flooding, which is our nation's most frequent and most costly type of natural disaster.

H.R. 3300 reauthorizes FEMA and, specifically, a number of its programs that strengthen response and recovery from natural disasters and that promote critical partnerships with state and local officials. We appreciate that recognition of the importance of intergovernmental and multiple sector collaboration. Thank you for moving this legislation.

Sincerely,

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