

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

May 14, 2015

The Honorable W. Craig Fugate  
Administrator  
Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA)  
500 C Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20024

Dear Administrator Fugate:

We respectfully request that the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) halt the implementation of a new policy requiring states to address what the administration unilaterally deems as climate change before they are eligible for grant funding following natural disasters. This change in policy issued in the FEMA State Mitigation Plan Review Guide on March 9, 2015, is not based on statute and establishes a blatantly political hurdle for state and local governments.

As you know, these funds are critical in helping states and communities recover from natural disasters and adequately prepare for future emergencies. This excessive change in policy threatens communities from receiving much needed funding.

As our colleagues in the U.S. Senate have formally requested, we also inquire about the specific statutory authority FEMA cites to enact a change of this magnitude without a formal notice and comment period.

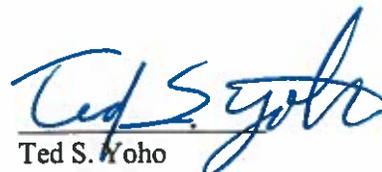
We are concerned that this policy revision will negatively impact our states in the future. Accordingly, we urge FEMA to withdraw this guidance as it represents a departure from the current policy and its dealing with our states.

We look forward to resolving this issue in a timely manner so that we can focus on our mutual interest of ensuring that states have access to federal resources to reweave the fabric of their communities in the aftermath of tragic natural disasters.

Sincerely,



Markwayne Mullin  
Member of Congress



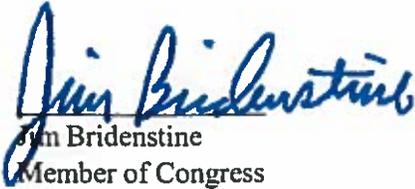
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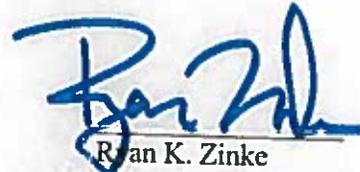
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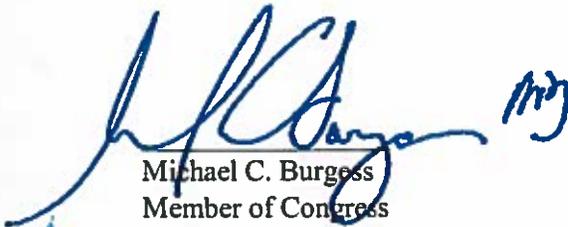
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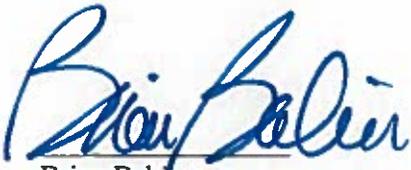
  
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