

November 30, 2017

The Honorable Lou Barletta  
Chairman  
United States House of Representatives  
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public  
Buildings, and Emergency Management  
2165 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Hank Johnson  
Ranking Member  
United States House of Representatives  
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public  
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2165 Rayburn House Office Building  
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Dear Chairman Barletta and Ranking Member Johnson:

As you know, the U.S. in recent months has experienced a devastating series of hurricanes and wildfires that have led to the loss of more than 260 American lives and more than \$300 billion in damages.

In the wake of these horrifying catastrophes, NAMIC commends your leadership and steadfast commitment to find ways to reduce disaster losses and better protect communities ahead of the next storm. As part of this effort, you have held an important series of hearings and roundtables that helped define specific ways we can reform the way our nation handles disasters.

Research has repeatedly demonstrated that every dollar spent on mitigation saves between four and eight taxpayer dollars in future disaster costs, but for so long our federal policies have forced communities to wait until after disaster strikes to protect lives and homes before the next storm. H.R. 4460, the Disaster Recovery and Reform Act, contains critical provisions that would help American communities rebuild and recover while providing them with the resources they need to proactively prevent future destruction, shielding lives, hardening communities, and more-responsibly utilizing taxpayer dollars.

For these reasons, NAMIC offers its full support for H.R. 4460, and encourages the committee to adopt the legislation during today's markup. We thank you for your continued focus on this vital issue, and look forward to working with you to see these critical reforms enacted into law.

Sincerely,



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