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The Honorable Paul Ryan
Speaker
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Ryan:

On behalf of the approximately 140,000 members of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), I write in support of H.R. 302, the *FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018*. NAHB is supportive of Division D which addresses Disaster Recovery Reform, and encourages through voluntary incentives, the construction of resilient homes, infrastructure and communities.

NAHB supports this legislation as it encourages state and local governments to be proactive in adopting and enforcing the latest published editions of the relevant consensus-based codes. This legislation enhances voluntary initiatives, such as those contained in the National Public Infrastructure Predisaster Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program, to encourage the adoption of resilient building codes by state and local governments.

NAHB's members build resilient homes, in compliance with adopted building codes. NAHB is an active participant in the code development process, where building codes are updated every three years; then amended and adopted by state and local governments. H.R. 302 preserves states' flexibility to amend a building code, which is crucial to ensure that a building code addresses the needs of the community.

NAHB urges you to support H.R. 302.

Thank you for your consideration of these views.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James W. Tobin III', written in a cursive style.

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