



September 11, 2025

The Honorable Buddy Carter
Congressman, District 1
2432 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Congressman Carter:

I am writing to express the support of the Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) for the bipartisan *Fixing Emergency Management for Americans (FEMA) Act* (H.R. 4669). This legislation provides long-overdue reforms to streamline disaster recovery, increase transparency, efficiency, and make federal assistance more accessible to the communities served.

Counties are the nation's frontline responders during disasters – providing emergency services, clearing debris, operating shelters, and managing long-term recovery. Yet they often face a cumbersome and delayed federal process that slows their ability to deliver timely support to residents and rebuild critical infrastructure. The FEMA Act directly addresses these challenges.

Georgia counties are still working through unnecessary federal regulation to complete their recovery from Hurricane Helene in 2024. This has included delays in direct reimbursement to counties such as Lowndes, Jeff Davis, and Richmond. If there are no changes before another storm hits Georgia, these issues will only compound as Georgia prepares for future natural disasters.

At this critical moment – with growing disaster frequency, increased financial strain, and persistent recovery challenges – the FEMA Act offers counties a pathway to more timely, coordinated, and effective disaster assistance. The bill recognizes counties as essential partners in emergency management and reflects meaningful engagement with local officials across the country.

Thank you for representing Georgia's counties during the House's deliberations on H.R. 4669. Please call on me or any of our staff if ACCG can ever be of assistance to you or your office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Wills", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Dave Wills
ACCG Executive Director