



June 12, 2026

The Honorable Rand Paul, Chairman
The Honorable Gary Peters, Ranking Member
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Paul and Ranking Member Peters:

On behalf of the National Emergency Management Association (NEMA), International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM), and Big City Emergency Managers (BCEM), which represent state and local emergency managers nationwide, we write regarding the nomination of Cameron Hamilton to serve as Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

FEMA plays a vital role in supporting states, territories, tribal nations, and local governments before, during, and after disasters. As communities across the country face an increasingly complex range of threats and hazards, stable leadership at the agency is essential to ensuring continued coordination among all levels of government and maintaining the nation's emergency management capabilities. We welcome the opportunity for the Senate to undertake this nomination and hope it provides an important forum to examine the future direction of the agency and the policies, partnerships, and investments necessary to strengthen national preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation efforts.

Our associations look forward to working closely with Mr. Hamilton upon his confirmation, and with Congress and other stakeholders to advance shared priorities that enhance the resilience of communities nationwide. Above all else, we believe it is important that FEMA have clear leadership in place to carry out its critical mission and support the emergency management community.

Sincerely,

A.J. Gary
NEMA President

Josh Morton
IAEM-USA President

Mark Sloan
BCEM Board Chairman