

# Congress of the United States

## Washington, DC 20515

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April 15, 2025

The Honorable Kristi Noem  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
500 C Street, SW, 8th Floor  
Washington, DC 20472

The Honorable Cameron Hamilton  
Acting Administrator  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
500 C Street, SW, 8th Floor  
Washington, DC 20472

Dear Secretary Noem and Acting Administrator Hamilton,

We write to stress our deep concerns with the reckless termination of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program, as well as to underscore the risk that halting any approved and awarded BRIC projects poses to our constituents. These decisions will harm states, tribes, territories, and local communities that face the increasing threat of natural disasters.

In 2020, President Trump established BRIC to invest in pre-disaster mitigation and strengthen community resiliency to respond to natural disasters that are increasing in frequency and severity. Since its inception, BRIC has served as a lifeline for our constituents that face the constant fear of fires, floods, landslides, and more. Across our districts, natural disasters are no longer confined to a "season"; instead, the risks persist throughout the year, and it's critical to prepare our communities as we learn to live with worsening natural disasters. Building resilient communities is an undeniable role of the federal government, and the unlawful termination of BRIC abandons our commitment to the communities that we serve.

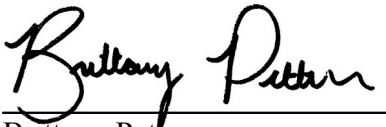
Therefore, we request FEMA share information about how, and to what extent, the Trump Administration's actions are impacting disaster preparedness across the country. Specifically, please respond to the following questions:

1. Provide a list of approved and awarded BRIC projects that will not receive their funding after April 4th, 2025 guidance. Please include:
  - a. Project contact(s);
  - b. Project descriptions;
  - c. Physical addresses or geographic coordinates for each project;
  - d. Amount of funding awarded;
  - e. Amount of funding obligated;
  - f. Amount of funding not-yet drawn down by awardees.
2. Steps awarded project sponsors should take to draw down remaining funds and finalize crucial contracts needed to commence construction;

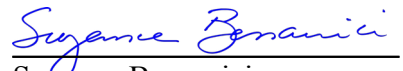
3. An explanation of how your agency is monitoring and investing in wildfire readiness, community preparedness, or hazardous fuels management goals; and
4. A timeline for your plans to resume implementation and disbursement of Congressionally approved and obligated BRIC funding.

The urgent and timely need for action on natural disaster preparedness and mitigation cannot be overstated. Any delay in funding and implementation of critical programs threatens the safety and resilience of our communities. We request a response to this urgent inquiry by April 22nd, 2025.

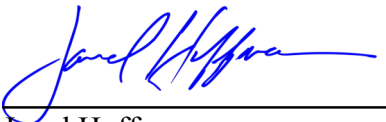
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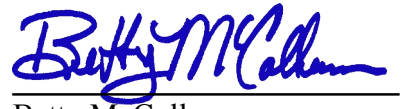
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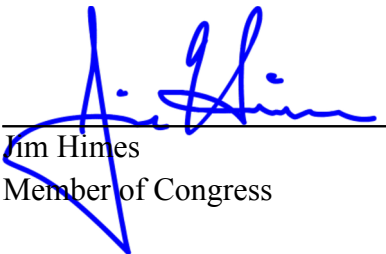
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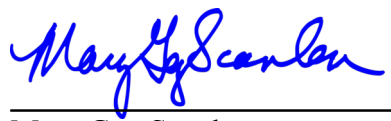
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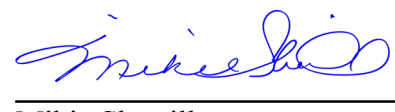
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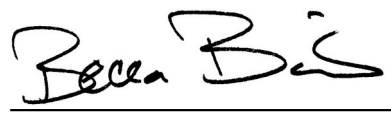
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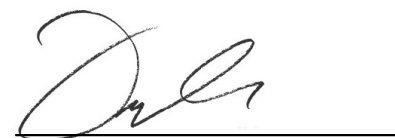
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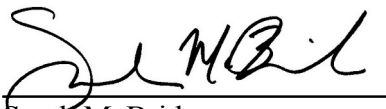
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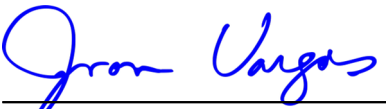
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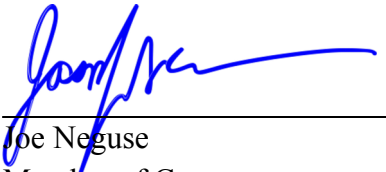
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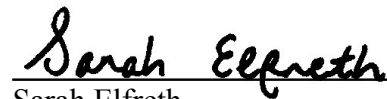
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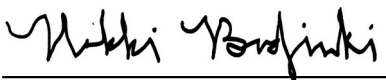
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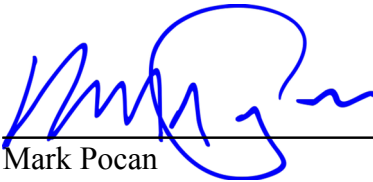
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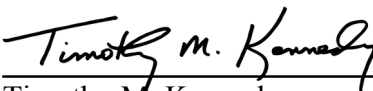
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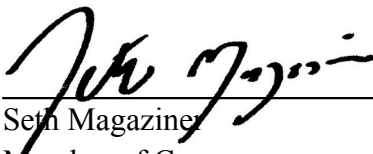
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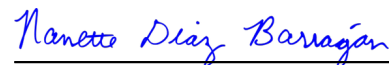
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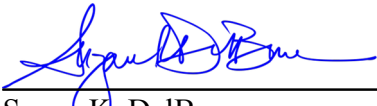
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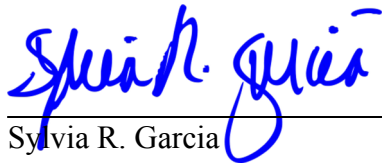
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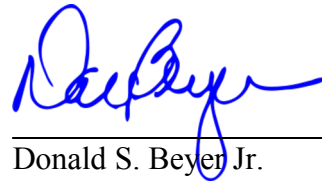
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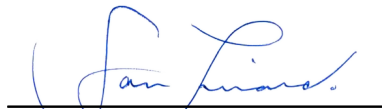
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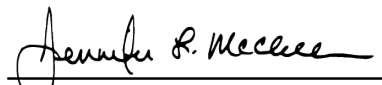
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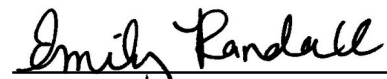
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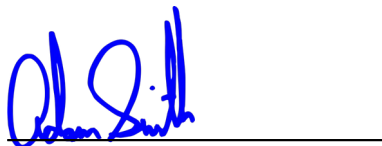
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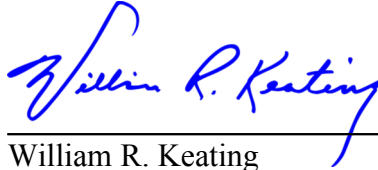
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