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Dr. G. Kemble Bennett
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Dear Dr. Bennett:

Thank you for your memorandum dated August 24, 2009, to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), conveying the National Advisory Council's (NAC) recommendations for potential statutory changes to the Stafford Act. As always, we value your input, and appreciate the time and effort expended by the Committee to compile these thoughtful recommendations.

As you know, FEMA is undertaking a comprehensive review of its policies, regulations, and statutory authorities. These recommendations will be considered in that review, along with the recommendations submitted by the NAC on August 19, 2008, regarding specific Public Assistance and Individual Assistance regulatory reform issues and the recommendations submitted by the NAC on December 18, 2008, regarding specific Public Assistance and Individual Assistance policy reform issues. These recommendations have been insightful and are assisting FEMA in its review. Upon completion of our comprehensive review, we will brief the Council on its outcome.

Again, thank you for these recommendations. Input from the NAC is essential as FEMA strives to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation, we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards. As always, we appreciate the NAC's advice. We are actively considering the recommendations provided, and will advise you once our review is complete. We look forward to continuing to work with the NAC, and thank you for your service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Craig Fugate", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

W. Craig Fugate
Administrator