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To the Members of Arkansas Congressional Delegation:

We, the undersigned members and allies of **Arkansas Grassroots United**, stand in **strong opposition** to President Donald Trump’s dangerous suggestion to **eliminate the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)** in November. We understand that in the wake of the Texas flooding tragedy, that the Department of Homeland Security has now said this is “off the table.” Such a reckless idea threatens the lives, homes, and safety of millions of Americans—especially Arkansans—who depend on FEMA for critical disaster relief, flood protection, and emergency response services. We are seeking your assistance in guaranteeing a robust and fully operational, and fully funded FEMA to protect our communities and families.

**Arkansas is no stranger to climate-related disasters.** From the deadly tornadoes that tore through Central Arkansas in March 2023 to historic floods in the Arkansas River Valley, and the ongoing risks from wildfires and severe storms, our state is increasingly vulnerable. FEMA has been an essential partner during these moments of crisis—providing temporary shelter, emergency aid, long-term recovery funding, and support to local and state governments in times of greatest need.

Eliminating FEMA would be catastrophic for Arkansas families. It would:

* Leave local communities without support to recover after disasters
* Undermine public confidence and delay urgent emergency responses
* Jeopardize access to the **National Flood Insurance Program**, which over 10,000 Arkansas households rely on ([424 communities across](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Fw1zxfXhmvu-yTgaGDRT4qZbexv2oDr0/view?usp=sharing) the state participate in FEMA’s National Flood Program)
* Strip rural counties—many with limited local budgets—of the crisis coordination and federal resources FEMA provides

Instead of dismantling FEMA, we need to **strengthen it** with more staff, more funding, and a commitment to equity and access for every American, regardless of zip code.

We call on Arkansas’s Congressional delegation to **publicly reject** any proposals to eliminate FEMA, and instead stand with the us, and our communities you were elected to serve in guaranteeing a fully functional and operational FEMA—now and for the future.

Protecting lives should never be political.

Signed,
**Arkansas Grassroots United**