

February 15, 2022

The Honorable Gary Peters  
Chair  
Committee on Homeland Security and  
Governmental Affairs  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Rob Portman  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Homeland Security and  
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United States Senate  
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Dear Chair Peters and Ranking Member Portman:

We, the undersigned, support the nomination of Dr. Alice Hill as the Deputy Administrator for Resilience at the Federal Emergency Management Agency. We urge the Committee to favorably report Dr. Hill's nomination to the full Senate.

Infrastructure should be built for the future with predisaster mitigation and preparedness in mind, and we believe Dr. Hill will be an important steward of resilience infrastructure investments. Natural disasters cost the U.S. \$145 billion in 2021. However, according to the National Institute for Building Science, for every dollar invested in resilience and predisaster mitigation, the taxpayer receives anywhere from \$3.00 to \$11.00 in benefits.

Through Dr. Hill's tenure at the National Security Council, Department of Homeland Security, and the judiciary, academia, and private sector, she brings the experience necessary to advance policies that enhance national preparedness. We expect that her leadership will ensure stronger, more resilient infrastructure, and necessary public-private partnerships to fund and implement projects.

We support the nomination of Dr. Hill as FEMA's Deputy Administrator for Resilience.

Sincerely,

American Council of Engineering Companies  
American Society of Civil Engineers  
City Parks Alliance  
Ecological Restoration Business Association  
Interstate Council on Water Policy  
Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative  
National Association of Counties  
National Recreation and Park Association

Reinsurance Association of America  
U.S. Chamber of Commerce

cc: Members of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental  
Affairs