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**ELECTRONIC MAIL**

Congressman Greg Steube (FL-17)  
2457 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Steube:

On behalf of the Florida Association of Counties (FAC), I am writing to express our strong support for your continued leadership in addressing disaster recovery challenges impacting Florida's communities. As you know, in recent years disaster debris has created significant and persistent obstacles for both the State of Florida and local governments. These issues have not only frustrated local officials and residents, but have also slowed recovery efforts and, in many cases, posed threats to public health and safety.

FAC appreciates your commitment to resolving these long-standing concerns. Your proposed legislation, the Clean Up DEBRIS Act, provides much-needed clarity regarding FEMA's debris removal policies—particularly those governing reimbursement for debris on private property. Prior legislative proposals introduced during the 118th Congress attempted to address similar gaps, but ambiguity in FEMA guidance continued to leave counties vulnerable to inconsistent interpretations and reimbursement delays. Your bill takes a critical step forward by establishing clear statutory authority for counties to receive reimbursement for debris removal associated with condominiums, cooperative housing units, and manufactured home communities when debris presents a demonstrable risk to public health and safety.

We thank you for championing this important issue and for your ongoing partnership with Florida's counties. FAC looks forward to working with you to advance this legislation and support more efficient, equitable, and resilient disaster recovery across our state.

Respectfully,

Davin J. Suggs  
Deputy Executive Director

*CC: Eric Poole, Florida Institute for County Government Executive Director*



