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House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0917

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Chairman Sam Graves
Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure
2165 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Chairman Graves,

As my congressional district works to recover from Hurricane Milton, Hurricane Helene, and Hurricane Debby, I am urging you to expeditiously take up H.R. 6011, the Clean Up DEBRIS Act, that I authored last October and is awaiting consideration in the Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure.

In response to the recovery from Hurricane Ian, the costliest hurricane in Florida's history and the third most expensive in U.S. history, I introduced the Clean Up DEBRIS Act, which would allow for common interest communities such as housing cooperatives, condominiums, and mobile homes that are a part of an association eligible for the same assistance from FEMA as other homeowners.

It is unfair for some communities to receive assistance while many others are denied relief. These complexities also make it hard for local governments to act, uncertain of if or how much their relief efforts will be reimbursed. In times of crisis in major disasters, it is vital to public safety that municipalities can act without fear of overburdensome government regulations.

In the wake of Hurricane Ian, my office worked diligently to secure several policy waivers from FEMA to help commercial mobile home and manufactured housing parks get the federal assistance they needed to recover. The Clean Up DEBRIS Act will ensure that these communities will not be forced to navigate a burdensome bureaucratic process to get the debris removal assistance they need from FEMA.

After three more hurricanes hitting my district in the last few months alone, the need for this legislation is even greater. My staff stands at the ready to work with your staff on steps that can be taken to help move this bill in your committee. I am very thankful for your support on my Federal Disaster Tax Relief Act of 2023 when it passed earlier this year, and I am committed to be a partner with you in advancing more disaster-related legislation in a smart manner that puts our constituents and communities first. Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Gregory Steube", written in a cursive style.

W. Gregory Steube
Member of Congress