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James G. Featherstone
Chairman, National Advisory Council
200 North Spring Street, Room 1533
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mr. Featherstone:

Thank you for your letter regarding recommendations for the revision of the National Response Framework (NRF). I appreciate the significant effort that members of the National Advisory Council invested in reviewing the existing document and offering comments.

With the recent issuance Presidential Policy Directive-8 (PPD-8) on National Preparedness, we will be commencing the NRF revision process in the near future. I have instructed my staff to consider the Council's comments carefully during the revision of the NRF. I support many of the Council's recommendations such as incorporating the concepts of whole community and core capabilities, and establishing critical linkages to other frameworks. I agree that there is a need for more operational detail on Federal operations. Per PPD-8, this operational detail will be implemented through an interagency operational response plan that will be developed in conjunction with the NRF revision process. I also agree that the NRF must recognize the National Incident Management System (NIMS)/Incident Command System (ICS) as an integral component, and during the revision of the NRF we will clarify and strengthen the connection between the revised NRF and NIMS. Your recommendation regarding private sector organizations playing important roles during disasters is exactly in line with our whole community approach, and we are committed to fostering even greater involvement of the private sector in the revised NRF.

I have asked our National Integration Center, which will lead the NRF revision effort as well as the implementation of PPD-8, to work with the Council throughout this process. Thank you again for your time and attention to this matter. I appreciate the Council's continued support of the NRF and I welcome additional guidance as we proceed with the important PPD-8 implementation effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "W. Craig Fugate".

W. Craig Fugate
Administrator