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Honorable James Lankford
Senator, Oklahoma
U.S. Senate
316 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Lankford:

The Disaster Recovery Coalition of America (www.thedrca.org) would like to publicly thank you and your team for proposing The Disaster Contract Transparency Act.

This landmark legislation sends a powerful message to Americans that public safety and disaster recovery efforts are a congressional priority. By encouraging the federal government to work with America's disaster recovery industry in advance of a disaster and in a collaborative and thoughtful manner, those involved with delivering goods and services to Americans affected by a disaster are able to respond in a more expedient, efficient and cost effective manner. This Act not only takes a comprehensive approach in addressing debris services and operations specifically but creates a framework that includes emergency housing and repair solutions, post-disaster inspection services and other vital survival commodities.


One of the main pillars we mention in the attached document (note suggested edits are shown using track changes feature) is the creation of an advisory workgroup consisting of debris services contractors, representatives from States and units of local government, academicians and other subject matter experts, selected by the Administrator, who can facilitate meaningful debris services public policy.

We strongly support the goal of this legislation in that it provides the disaster recovery industry with the rules and tools needed to enhance the disaster recovery operations with an emphasis on planning before the storm and making provisions to allow flexibility post-disaster if market conditions so dictate.

We are encouraged by the Act's reasonable provisions that would improve the dialog among the industry and those in the federal government overseeing disaster recovery efforts, allowing for innovative ideas, research and development, and best practices.

We look forward to continued discussions about this draft legislation and applaud your leadership in introducing many of the ideas presented. Thank you.

Kind Regards,


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