

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

July 8, 2026

The Honorable Robert J. Fenton
Acting Administrator
Federal Emergency Management Agency
US Department of Homeland Security
500 C Street SW
Washington, DC 20472

Dear Acting Administrator Fenton:

We write to respectfully request that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) consider extending the July 24, 2026, deadline for State Administrative Agencies (SAAs) to submit applications under the Fiscal Year 2026 Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP). The FY2026 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) was released on June 26, leaving states and eligible nonprofit organizations insufficient time to complete the application process, and jeopardizing the program's stated intent to "integrate nonprofit preparedness activities with broader state and local preparedness efforts."¹

Historically, FEMA has provided as many as 80 days between the release of the NOFO and the deadline for SAA submissions.² This year's application period provides under one month. With this shortened timeframe, many SAAs will be forced to establish abbreviated application periods. As a result, organizations will have just weeks, maybe days, to review the NOFO, obtain prequalification and a security assessment, develop project proposals, gather required documentation, and submit completed applications. In some states, the federal grant application period also overlaps with application periods for state hate crimes programs, overburdening grant writers and smaller organizations who may not have the resources to afford large, dedicated staff teams to prepare and submit applications. Further, since FEMA has not released the grant recipients for the FY2025 NSGP, organizations will be applying without knowing their eligibility, creating additional complications since eligibility for this year's grant is affected by the recipient's status for last year's grant.

Congress has consistently demonstrated bipartisan support for the NSGP, recognizing its lifesaving ability to help at-risk organizations secure themselves against evolving security threats. It is essential that eligible applicants have a fair shot to apply for these funds and fully realize the

¹ <https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/nonprofit-security>

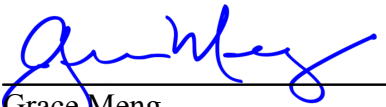
² 80 days in Fiscal Year 2023, 69 days in Fiscal Year 2024

program's intended purpose. The current timeline imposes significant administrative constraints on both applicants and SAAs, potentially limiting full and fair participation in this year's grant cycle.

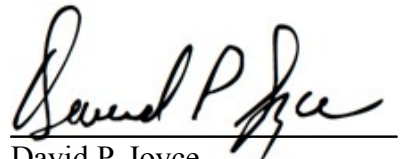
We respectfully request that FEMA consider extending the FY2026 SAA submission deadline. Providing additional time would allow SAAs to conduct a more thorough review process, give nonprofit organizations sufficient time to prepare competitive applications, and help ensure that FEMA receives the strongest possible pool of eligible projects for consideration.

Thank you for your full and fair consideration of this request, consistent with applicable statute and agency guidelines. We appreciate your consideration and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



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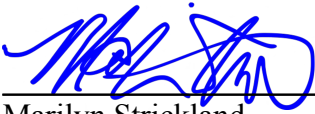
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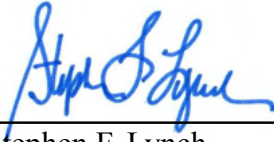
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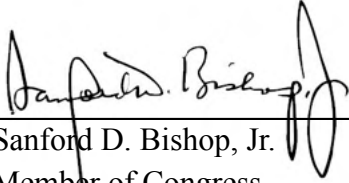
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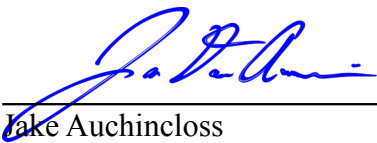
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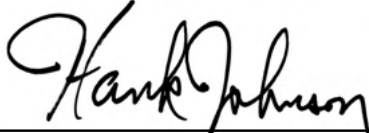
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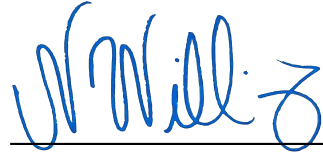
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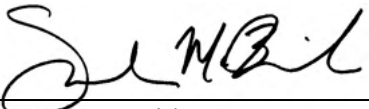
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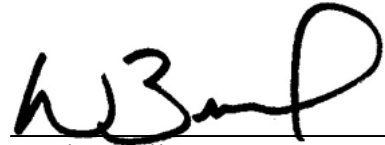
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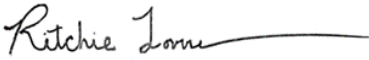
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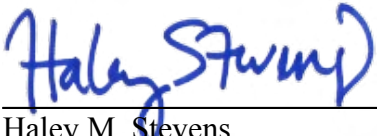
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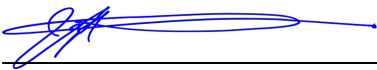
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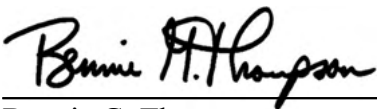
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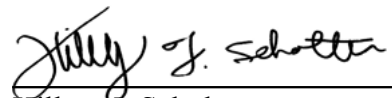
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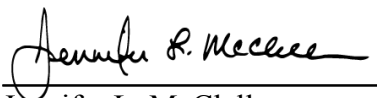
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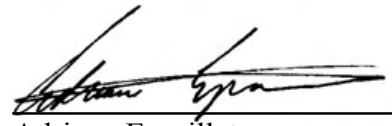
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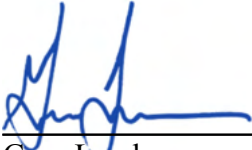
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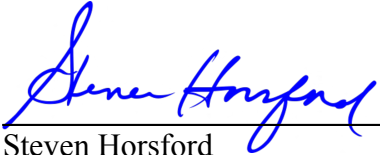
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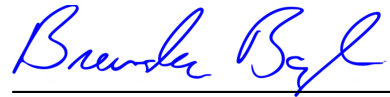
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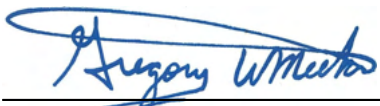
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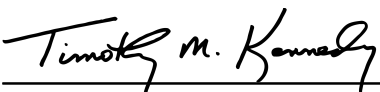
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