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Florida League of Cities Applauds Passage of FEMA Clawback Provision

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The Florida League of Cities commends U.S. Senator Bill Nelson, U.S. Senator Marco Rubio, U.S. Representative Lois Frankel, U.S. Representative Mario Diaz-Balart and the Florida Congressional Delegation for their efforts to successfully pass legislation that will protect communities receiving FEMA disaster funds from unexpected clawbacks.

Specifically, the League is celebrating the passage of a FEMA deobligation provision in the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Reauthorization Act of 2018. The U.S. Senate passed the provision earlier this week, which coincided with the League's Federal Action Strike Team Fly-In to Washington, D.C. This action will streamline and clarify the deobligation process by imposing a three-year cap on the period in which FEMA can audit cities and counties that received disaster assistance funding.

"Florida's communities accept the constant threat posed to our state by hurricanes and other natural disasters, but they should not be forced to be faced with a drawn-out bureaucratic process that is confusing and inconsistent," wrote the Florida League of Cities in a statement. "In a state where the question is not if a natural disaster will occur but rather when, the Florida League of Cities strongly supports the mission and role of FEMA and the assistance it provides to local governments in times of need."

"The Florida League of Cities applauds Senators Nelson and Rubio, Representatives Frankel and Diaz-Balart and Florida's other congressional members, for their steadfast support on this matter."

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