

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

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Mr. David Robertson  
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Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments  
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Dear Mr. Robertson:

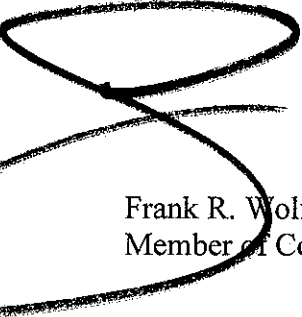
In the wake of the two natural disasters that struck the National Capital Region recently, we write to you today asking that the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments undertake an effort to conduct a meeting on emergency preparedness with all regional elected and public safety officials to ensure they have the best possible information on how to protect the public from and respond to large scale disasters in a coordinated way.

As you know, the National Capital Region encompasses millions of residents and employees in a relatively small area. As we observe the 10-year anniversary of the 9/11 terror attacks, we believe it would be extremely beneficial for local and state government officials as well as public safety officers to participate in a meeting to revisit emergency response plans for natural disasters and terrorist attacks, including evacuation procedures.

All elected officials take seriously their responsibility to protect the citizens of our region. As the regional planning organization, COG is best suited to conduct such a review. Please let us know if we can assist in this effort.

Best wishes,

Sincerely,



Frank R. Wolf  
Member of Congress



Steny Hoyer  
Member of Congress