



ADVOCACY ACTION ALERT

Support Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Reform [Posted: 10/30/2025]



Although improvements are needed, [dismantling FEMA is not reform](#)—it's abandonment. Proposals to eliminate FEMA or drastically reduce its role would leave communities without the funding, staffing and structure needed to respond effectively to disasters. Therefore, when the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee introduced the Bipartisan FEMA Act of 2025 (H.R. 4669), many disaster responders celebrated.

The FEMA Act of 2025 takes long-overdue steps to strengthen and modernize federal disaster management.

It elevates FEMA to a cabinet-level independent agency, restoring direct accountability to the president.

- This matters to communities we serve because it improves coordination, speeds decision-making, and ensures that FEMA's mission to serve survivors remains its central focus without being conflated with the mission of the broader Department of Homeland Security.

It simplifies disaster aid applications through a universal assistance form and clarifies duplication-of-benefits rules.

- This matters to communities we serve because it makes aid more accessible to low-income families, seniors, and others often excluded by complex systems.

It streamlines funding for pre- and post-disaster mitigation and creates incentives for proactive projects.

- This matters to communities we serve because it helps communities build back stronger and reduce long-term suffering and build resiliency toward future disasters.

It creates a public dashboard to track aid delivery and requires Government Accountability Office (GAO) oversight of FEMA operations and reforms.

- This matters to communities we serve because it builds trust and accountability - values we hold as faith-based partners in disaster response.

This legislation is a practical step toward a just, compassionate and resilient national disaster system.

Join in the chorus of Lutheran voices and ask your House of Representatives members to support the FEMA Act of 2025. Weblink: <https://act.elca.org/page/90085/action/1?chain>



To learn more about this topic on the Here I Pod from ELCA Advocacy, go here:

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