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The Honorable Richard Shelby
110 Hart Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator Shelby:

On behalf of the 1.3 million members of the National Association of REALTORS®, I want to express our strong support for legislative efforts to fully fund FEMA's Flood Map Modernization Program to update our nation's flood plain maps (Flood Insurance Rate Maps or FIRMs).

Floods cause billions of dollars of damage to communities nationwide and result in more loss of life than any other natural hazard. We believe a continuing investment of general funds is needed to update, digitize and maintain these maps because of their role in promoting public safety and reducing the costs of federal flood-related disaster assistance.

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The Honorable Mary Landrieu
724 Hart Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Herb Kohl
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The Honorable Christopher Bond
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The Honorable Robert Bennett
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The Honorable Barbara Mikulski
503 Hart Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Arlen Specter
711 Hart Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Kay Hutchison
284 Russell Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Daniel Inouye
722 Hart Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
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The Honorable Patty Murray
173 Russell Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Ted Stevens
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The Honorable Patrick Leahy
433 Russell Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator Leahy:

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The Honorable Tom Harkin
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The Honorable Lamar Alexander
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The Honorable Thad Cochran
113 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Byron Dorgan
322 Hart Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Larry Craig
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The Honorable Sam Brownback
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The Honorable Tim Johnson
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