

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

April 12, 2021

Mr. Robert J. Fenton, Jr., Acting Administrator
FEMA
500 C St. S.W.
Washington, DC 20472

Dear Mr. Fenton:

We are both fortunate to represent the citizens of Pinellas County, Florida in the United States Congress. During a recent federal delegation meeting, the County told us it has met the requirements to have its National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System Score upgraded to the next tier. We are thrilled that our community is proactively taking steps to achieve the three goals of this important program: Reducing and avoiding flood damage to insurable property, Strengthening and supporting the insurance aspects of the National Flood Insurance Program, and Fostering comprehensive floodplain management. Of equal importance, we are eager for homeowners in our districts to realize the savings in flood insurance premiums that accompany achievement of the next tier in the Community Rating System. However, the County is currently still awaiting final FEMA verification, which has resulted in a delay in homeowners being able to fully realize the benefits of this new designation.

While we understand that your agency has many critical responsibilities during this time, we respectfully ask that you do everything within your power to expedite full review and determination of Pinellas County's new CRS status so that our constituents can benefit from these premium reductions, especially during these trying times. As always, thank you for your service to our nation. Please do not hesitate to reach out should our offices ever be able to assist you.

Respectfully,



Charlie Crist, Member of Congress
Florida, District 13



Gus Bilirakis, Member of Congress
Florida, District 12