



United States Senate

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February 12, 2015

President Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I write to request an extension of the comment period for at least an additional 90 days on the Executive Order to establish a new Federal Floodplain Management Standard.

I strongly support the need to improve our nation's preparedness for increased flood risk. California has been a leader in mitigating for the risk of flood disasters. For example, in 2007, California passed a law that requires Central Valley flood control projects to mitigate for a 200 year flood risk.

However, I have heard directly from both local and state agencies in California responsible for flood risk management that additional time is necessary to fully understand the impact of the Executive Order on California flood control projects and on communities located in floodplains. An additional 90 days would give California agencies and stakeholders the time needed to evaluate the proposed new Federal Floodplain Management Standard. I therefore also ask you to direct the federal agencies involved in establishing the new standard to engage directly with the California Department of Water Resources and the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, as well as local floodplain management agencies in the state.

Thank you for your attention to my request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, or you may have your staff contact Tristan Colonius in my office at 202-224-2004.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dianne Feinstein".

Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

cc: The Honorable Craig Fugate
Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency

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