



Homeland Security

November 29, 2012

The Honorable Peter King
Chairman
Committee on Homeland Security
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the fiscal year (FY) 2013 preparedness grant programs.

While we are still developing the National Preparedness Grant Program (NPGP), our key priority remains collaboratively building and sustaining, at all levels of government, the core capabilities necessary to prepare for those threats that pose the greatest risk to the Nation's security. The Department remains committed to collaborating closely with Congress on the development of the NPGP and will not finalize any grant guidance until a final, Fiscal Year 2013 Department of Homeland Security appropriations bill is signed into law. Once that occurs, the Department will finalize the Fiscal Year 2013 grant guidance and allocate funding in accordance with the requirements of the fiscal year homeland security appropriations law. In the interim, the Department will continue to pursue NPGP and work with stakeholders across the Nation, including the House and Senate, to further define and develop the structure and parameters of NPGP.

Thank you again for your letter and your continued support of this very important program. Chairman Bilirakis, who co-signed your letter, will receive a separate, identical response. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 447-5890.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nelson Peacock".

Nelson Peacock
Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs