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### Donalds Co-Leads Transformative, Bipartisan Initiative To Increase Efficiency And Effectiveness At FEMA

WASHINGTON – Congressman Byron Donalds (R-FL) is co-leading transformative, bipartisan [legislation](#) offered by Rep. Jared Moskowitz (D-FL) to remove the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) from Department of Homeland Security (DHS) supervision and to restore it as an independent, Cabinet-level agency reporting directly to the President.

Specifically, [H.R. 2308 – "The FEMA Independence Act of 2025"](#) reforms federal emergency management and improves efficiency in federal emergency response efforts. It would also stipulate that FEMA's Senate-confirmed leader must have "a demonstrated ability in and knowledge of emergency management and homeland security" across the public and private sectors.

[H.R. 2308](#) is one of ninety-nine pieces of legislation currently endorsed by Congressman Donalds during the 119<sup>th</sup> Congress and has been referred to the U.S. House Committee on Homeland Security–Subcommittee on Emergency Management and Technology for consideration.

"FEMA has become overly-bureaucratic, overly-politicized, overly-inefficient, and substantial change is needed to best serve the American people," *said Congressman Byron Donalds (R-FL)*. "When disaster strikes, quick and effective action must be the standard—not the exception. It is imperative that FEMA is removed from the bureaucratic labyrinth of DHS and instead is designated to report directly to the President of the United States. I am proud to join Congressman Moskowitz in this innovative initiative to ensure the most efficient disaster relief response for the American people."

"As the first Emergency Management Director ever elected to Congress, I've seen firsthand the challenges preparing for, responding to, and recovering from disaster events. As these emergencies continue to grow larger and more widespread, the American people deserve a federal response that is efficient and fast. To achieve that, FEMA should be reformed," *said Congressman Jared Moskowitz (D-FL)*. "FEMA currently sits under the bureaucracy of the Department of Homeland Security—and with around 20 other agencies and offices under that umbrella, the set-up simply doesn't work. DHS has become too big and too slow to oversee what needs to be a quick and flexible emergency response. By removing FEMA from the Department of Homeland Security and restoring its status as an independent, Cabinet-level agency, my bipartisan bill will help cut red tape, improve government efficiency, and save lives. It will also help refocus FEMA on its original mission: as an agency tasked with responding before, during, and after disaster events. FEMA is meant to be an emergency management agency, but right now, it functions more as a grant agency with emergency management capabilities. This commonsense bill will help set those priorities back where they should be. I look forward to my colleagues taking up this bipartisan proposal so we can continue to build a more seamless federal response to emergency situations wherever and whenever they occur."

**Exclusive Article:**

[Republican, Dem lawmakers join forces to reform 'inefficient' FEMA, detach agency from DHS](#)

Aubrie Spady – Fox News Digital  
March 24, 2025

**Exclusive TV Hit:**

[FEMA needs to be 'saved' and 'reformed': Reps. Byron Donalds, R-Fla., and Jared Moskowitz, D-Fla., discuss why they're teaming up to make FEMA independent](#)

The Will Cain Show – Fox News Channel  
March 25, 2025

**More:**

- Read the "FEMA Independence Act of 2025" in its entirety [HERE](#).
- See bill profile of the "FEMA Independence Act of 2025" [HERE](#).
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CONGRESSMAN BYRON DONALDS  
**CO-LEADS**  
H.R. 2308 – THE FEMA  
INDEPENDENCE ACT OF 2025

**BILL SUMMARY**  
REMOVES FEMA FROM DHS SUPERVISION AND  
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LEVEL AGENCY REPORTING DIRECTLY TO POTUS  
SLASHING THE LABYRINTH OF BUREAUCRATIC RED-TAPE & POLITICIZATION  
ENSURING DISASTER VICTIMS RECEIVE DIRECT & MEANINGFUL RELIEF  
OFFERING INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS TO INCREASE EFFICIENCY

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**119th Congress By the Numbers**  
12 PIECES OF LEGISLATION INTRODUCED  
1 PIECE OF LEGISLATION PASSED  
99 BILLS CO-SPONSORED

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