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## **BuildStrong Coalition Announces Former Congressional Counsel as New Executive Director**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – The BuildStrong Coalition is proud to announce that Pam Williams will serve as its new Executive Director. Williams joins BuildStrong from the U.S. House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, where she advised the Committee and Congressional leadership on Emergency Management, FEMA, the Stafford Act, and disaster-related matters. In that role, Williams was instrumental in the development of the recently-passed Disaster Recovery Reform Act, the most transformational piece of disaster legislation since Hurricane Katrina.

“This year was marked once again by a series of devastating disasters. Pam played a major role in helping Congress address the glaring resiliency issues we have in this country and ensuring that we are better prepared for the next disaster,” said BuildStrong Coalition Chairman Jimi Grande. “Her combination of experience and policy acumen make her the ideal choice to lead the BuildStrong Coalition as Executive Director, and we’re thrilled to have her on the team.”

Williams also previously served as the Deputy Director of Congressional Affairs for FEMA, where she was responsible for directing and executing the Agency’s Legislative Program. Prior to joining the Congressional Affairs Office, she served as the Associate Chief Counsel for Legislation and Policy, where she managed the Agency’s response to Congressional, White House, and Departmental investigations. For over 12 years, Williams served as an advisor to FEMA, DHS leadership, and the Administration on Congressional actions, dispositions, and recommended legislative activities. Williams holds a J.D. from the University of Denver and a Master of Public Administration from the University of Kansas.

Williams assumes the role from outgoing Executive Director Phil Anderson, who served in that position since 2011. Anderson will now serve as President of the BuildStrong Coalition. “We had a great year, but the process to strengthen American homes, communities, and infrastructure is just beginning,” said Anderson. “We’re excited for Pam to lead BuildStrong’s ambitious agenda to meet this challenge in 2019 and beyond.”

### **About the BuildStrong Coalition**

The BuildStrong Coalition is a group of firefighters, emergency responders, insurers, engineers, architects, contractors and manufacturers, as well as consumer organizations, code specialists, and many others committed to building a more resilient America. Learn more at [drra.buildstrongamerica.com](http://drra.buildstrongamerica.com).

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