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## Local Officials Talk Broadband Deployment, Flood Insurance Reauthorization and More with Congressional Delegation

*Members of the Florida League of Cities Federal Action Strike Team (FAST) bring local issues to Washington, D.C.*

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**TALLAHASSEE, FL** – Municipal officials representing all regions of the state participated in the **Florida League of Cities** (FLC) federal advocacy trip known as the Federal Action Strike Team (FAST) Fly-in. Nearly 50 Florida city officials came together in the nation’s capital to meet with Florida’s congressional delegation members and advocate for key federal issues that affect municipalities.

“The collaboration and effective communication between local, state and federal government entities are paramount to serving our cities, and the League’s FAST Fly-In event afforded us that opportunity,” said **FLC President Greg Ross, Mayor of Cooper City**. “We were able to foster direct connections with Florida’s congressional leaders, bolstering the foundation upon which we can build a stronger Florida. We extend our sincere gratitude to the congressional delegation for their engagement.”

During their time in the nation’s capital, local leaders urged Congress to oppose HR 3557, the American Broadband Deployment Act of 2023, because it would dramatically preempt local authority to manage public rights-of-way and land use for telecommunications infrastructure. In addition, they advocated for a long-term National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) reauthorization and supporting legislation that would simplify the federal grants process.

The group also focused its advocacy efforts on finding a long-term solution to PFAS in soil and water and providing federal liability protection for cities, among other issues.

The success of our Federal Action Strike Team’s latest trip to Washington cannot be overstated,” said **FAST Chair Bob Mayersohn, Commissioner for the City of Parkland**. “Our trip concluded knowing that whatever the political climate, we have continued to foster stronger bonds with our congressional representatives. It was most evident that they clearly heard our voices on the issues deeply impacting Florida’s cities. It was an honor to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with my municipal peers, advocating for our cities.”

Before heading to Capitol Hill, representatives from the FLC and **National League of Cities** (NLC) federal advocacy team provided a federal briefing. The group met with most members of Florida’s congressional delegation, including Senators Marco Rubio and Rick Scott.

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