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Commissioner Paula Brooks appointed to the Task Force on Climate Preparedness and Resiliency Subgroups

Commissioner Paula Brooks, Franklin County Ohio, has been appointed to the “Built Systems” and “Natural Resources and Agriculture” Subgroups on the White House Task Force for Climate Preparedness and Resiliency. She will be attending the second Task Force meeting this week with, 25 other members, such as the Governors from California and Illinois, Mayors, County Officials, and Tribal Leaders.

Both Subgroups are comprised of elected officials from across the U.S., who will provide recommendations to the President on how to be prepared for, economic and other impacts, resulting from climate change.

The “Built Systems” Subgroup will provide effective, measurable, policy driven, recommendations to the President on building strong, sustainable systems for transportation, energy, water, and infrastructure. Commissioner Brooks will co-lead the Energy Sector of “Built Systems.”

“More frequent and intense weather events, like the recent extreme cold, not to mention upcoming spring floods and tornadoes, wreak havoc on our infrastructure. Old water lines break and the demand for electricity and natural gas spike, and wind events are becoming more common,” said Franklin County Commissioner Brooks. “It is imperative that we ensure the safety of our families by finding efficient, cost effective, ways to prepare our communities for the effects we are experiencing.” Brooks has been reaching out to business, utility, agriculture, and non-profit environmental leaders around Ohio for their views and advice.

“We can all agree that extreme weather events are more frequent than they used to be. I am proud to be working to ensure that Ohio is prepared and resilient, and that the federal government is responsive to the needs of Franklin County and other communities around our state and nation. Our children’s future depends on this preparation and stewardship.”

For more information on the Task Force on Climate Preparedness and Resilience, visit:

www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/ceq/initiatives/resilience/taskforce