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## **BuildStrong Coalition Lauds House Passage of Landmark Resilience Legislation**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – The BuildStrong Coalition applauds the Members of the U.S. House of Representatives for overwhelmingly passing the Resilient AMERICA Act today. The legislation builds on the resilience initiatives contained in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and provides much-needed resources for families, businesses, and communities to reduce climate risks in an environment of increasingly costly disasters. Consideration of the bill now goes to the U.S. Senate, which will need to act before the landmark bipartisan legislation can become law.

"This is great news for Americans who are faced with devastating disasters, and we are grateful to the legislation's supporters in the House. For it to clear the House with strong bipartisan support proves its immense value to our communities," said BuildStrong Chairman Jimi Grande. "The bill still has a long way to go, but we're hopeful today's vote demonstrates that addressing the resilience crisis is long overdue. We're already looking forward to continuing to build support in the Senate and doing everything we can to help get this across the finish line."

The Resilient AMERICA Act builds on improvements made in recently established national mitigation and resilience programs, including providing new funding for FEMA's Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program, creating new resources and incentives for the adoption and enforcement of modern construction standards and building codes, and expanding the implementation of resilient infrastructure, among other measures.

BuildStrong has championed the bill since its introduction, including sending a <u>letter</u> signed by over 25 emergency management, non-profit, and industry members of the Coalition to House leadership urging its swift consideration and passage last month.

## **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 buildstrongamerica.com.