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BuildStrong Coalition Outlines Resilience Priorities for New Congress

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The BuildStrong Coalition today submitted a letter to the new bipartisan leadership of the 118th Congress laying out its disaster mitigation and resilience priorities for the legislative session. After another record-breaking year with 18 billion-dollar-plus disasters, it is imperative that Congress enhance federal policy to combat the growing threat of extreme weather events. The Coalition is calling on leadership in both the House and Senate to reach bipartisan consensus on emphasizing disaster mitigation and resilience investments in American homes, infrastructure, and communities.

“Disaster mitigation is one of the areas where Congress has been able to work alongside one another successfully in recent years, and we expect that consensus continuing into the new session,” said BuildStrong Executive Director Natalie Enclade. “We’re looking forward to working with leadership and members across the aisle to tackle the rising threat of extreme weather in the year ahead.”

Among the priorities outlined for Congress in the letter are enhancing resilience through stronger building codes, addressing wildfire risk and the lack of transparency around wildfire mitigation spending, increasing access to technical assistance, promoting grid resilience and home and infrastructure hardening, and incentivizing resilience through tax and grant programs.

Read the full letter [HERE](#).

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.

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