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Honorable Maggie Hassan, US Senator, District 23 SD-B40 E/D Dirksen Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Hassan:

<u>The Disaster Recovery Coalition of America</u> strongly supports the Senate Disaster Management Costs Modernization Act S.3071, a vital piece of legislation that will significantly enhance our nation's ability to respond to and recover from disasters of all types. As the leading emergency management and disaster recovery trade association in the country, we believe that this legislation is of paramount importance for communities and our country.

Disasters, whether they are natural or man-made, can have devastating consequences on the lives and well-being of individuals and communities. In recent years, we have witnessed an alarming increase in the frequency and severity of disasters, from wildfires and floods to hurricanes and other unexpected events. The Senate Disaster Management Costs Modernization Act S.3071 represents a comprehensive and forward-thinking approach to address these challenges.

This legislation's primary objectives, which include modernizing disaster response and recovery efforts, improving funding mechanisms, and enhancing the efficiency of disaster management, are commendable and urgently needed. By incorporating innovative technologies, streamlining administrative processes, and providing flexible funding options, the Act will empower our emergency management agencies to better protect and assist survivors in their time of crisis.

We also appreciate the Act's emphasis on strengthening the coordination between federal, state, and local authorities, as well as the private sector and non-profit organizations. This collaboration is essential in ensuring that resources are efficiently deployed and that communities receive the support they need when disaster strikes.

Additionally, the Senate Disaster Management Costs Modernization Act S.3071 addresses the importance of preparedness and mitigation measures. By investing in resilience-building efforts and encouraging risk reduction, we can minimize the long-term impact of disasters and save lives, property, and taxpayer dollars.

We stand with you as you advocate for this legislation to ensure that our country is better equipped to manage and respond to disasters effectively. The safety and well-being of our citizens depends on our ability to adapt and improve our disaster management strategies.

Thank you for your dedication to safeguarding our community and our nation and for championing this critical legislation.

Sincerely,

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