



The Honorable Sam Graves  
Ranking Member House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
Longworth House Office Building, 1135  
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Mr. Graves,

The Disaster Recovery Coalition of America applauds the introduction of the bipartisan Resilient America Act (Act), which provides stronger tools for FEMA to continue to lead the nation's risk-reducing disaster mitigation and resilience programs. This legislation is fundamental to increasing communities' resilient infrastructure planning that can reduce Mother Nature's devastation from the impacts of wildfire, damaging hurricanes, flood, earthquake, and other costly catastrophes.

DRCA is a 501(c)(6) non-profit, trade association organized in 2008 to advance the common interests of its members, to help advise and lead disaster recovery contractors as an industry, to educate government decision makers and public opinion leaders on the industry's role in helping constituents prepare for, respond to, recover from and mitigate against disasters, and to advocate for government support on issues unique to the disaster recovery industry.

DRCA brings together leaders from the private and public sector through industry forums, events and roundtables with key stakeholders that help advance leadership, innovation, mitigation, and resilience best practices across the emergency management system to improve America's recovery from natural and man-made disasters. DRCA's leadership team includes some of the top emergency management experts in the country and our member represent a significant amount of the overall disaster recovery work that takes place in this country.

The provisions of the Act demonstrate tremendous climate-conscious leadership by encouraging results-oriented and responsible cost-effective government investments that affect nearly every American in some way. By offering incentives for state and local strong building code adoption and enforcement, the Act transforms preparedness into a resilient and critical pathway to promote the latest hazard-resistant construction design standards nationwide.

Severe climate impacts necessitate public policies such as those outlined in the Act that can better protect communities' residential and commercial structures. DRCA considers the Act to be the leading overall national resilience platform and framework to increase disaster preparedness. We look forward to working with Congress to serve as a resource as this legislation progresses and ultimately becomes law. Thank you for your leadership.

Sincerely,

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