

August 2, 2022

The Honorable Gary Peters  
Chairman  
Committee on Homeland Security  
and Governmental Affairs  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jack Reed  
Chairman  
Committee on Armed Services  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Rob Portman  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Homeland Security  
and Governmental Affairs  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable James Inhofe  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Armed Services  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Peters, Chairman Reed, Ranking Member Portman, and Ranking Member Inhofe:

**Re: Support for S. 3531, the National Climate Adaptation and Resilience Strategy Act**

The undersigned organizations strongly support S. 3531, the National Climate Adaptation and Resilience Strategy Act.

In the last 20 years, natural disasters have caused more than \$1.5 trillion in damage and economic losses across the United States. Increasing disaster costs and impacts pose a growing threat to American lives, livelihoods, infrastructure, supply chains, and military readiness. These issues must be met with whole-of-government approaches to proactively reduce risk and eliminate the siloed tendency of federal resilience programs that are contributing to ongoing project and planning challenges faced by state and local partners.

The National Climate Adaptation and Resilience Strategy Act would augment federal resilience initiatives to strengthen national security and ensure that small businesses, disadvantaged communities, other localities, states, and regions have the necessary tools and coordinated funding, guidance, and support to prepare before disasters strike. The effectiveness of federal efforts would be improved by establishing a chief resilience officer within the White House that works with the interagency community and nonfederal entities to identify barriers to building smart, modern, resilient infrastructure, and opportunities to address them. Further, communities would be better able to withstand future climate threats through the development of a national strategy to improve intergovernmental coordination, incentivize funding for predisaster mitigation and resilience planning, enhance technical assistance and capacity building, and leverage nature-based solutions.

We urge Congress to take up and pass this important legislation.

Sincerely,

**American Council of Engineering Companies**

**American Flood Coalition Action**

**American Planning Association**

**American Property Casualty Insurance Association**

**American Public Works Association**

**American Society of Adaptation Professionals**

**American Society of Civil Engineers**

**American Society of Landscape Architects**

**ARUP**

**BuildStrong Coalition**

**Center for Climate and Energy Solutions**

**City Parks Alliance**

**Council of Insurance Agents and Brokers**

**Ecological Restoration Business Association**

**Enterprise Community Partners**

**Federal Association for Insurance Reform**

**Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety**

**Interstate Council on Water Policy**

**Land Trust Alliance**

**League of Women Voters**

**LOCUS: Responsible Real Estate Developers & Investors**

**Mississippi River Cities & Towns Initiative**

**National Association of Clean Water Agencies**

**National Association of Counties**

**National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies**

**National Institute of Building Sciences**

**National League of Cities**

**National Recreation and Park Association**

**National Wildlife Federation**

**Natural Resources Defense Council**

**R Street Institute**

**Reinsurance Association of America**

**Resilience 21 Coalition**

**Resilience Hub and Collaboratory Network**

**Resilient Cities Network**

**SBP**

**Smart Growth America**

**Smart Home America**

**SmarterSafer**

**Taxpayers for Common Sense**

**The Nature Conservancy**

**The Pew Charitable Trusts**

**Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership**

**Transportation for America**

**U.S. Chamber of Commerce**

**Union of Concerned Scientists**

cc: Members of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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