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Dear Chairwoman Roybal-Allard, Ranking Member Fleischmann, Chairman Murphy, and Ranking Member Capito,

As organizations representing the design and construction industry, the Building Resilient Action Coalition (BRAC) is committed to supporting federal policies that provide critical assistance to improve pre-disaster mitigation. The resilience of the built environment is vital for communities across the country, and additional investment should be made to support vulnerable populations.

We recognize that mitigation efforts work while also saving taxpayer dollars; for example, adopting the latest editions of published consensus-based building codes can save up to $13 per $1 invested.[[1]](#endnote-1) Resilience strategies like these can and should be promoted in communities across the country as an important tool to save property – and more importantly – lives.

It is critical that Congress fund key pre-disaster mitigation programs to support communities across the country to better prepare for future disasters. As the Subcommittee on Homeland Security considers the appropriations bill for FY 2023, we urge you to include the following priorities:

* Increase funding to $500 million for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Program.
* Fully fund the FEMA capitalization grants as established by the STORM Act [Public Law 116-284] at a minimum of $100 million.

The BRAC stands ready to work with the Committee members on both sides of the aisle to better prepare America’s built environment against the threat of disaster. We look forward to continuing to work with you.

Sincerely,

[Insert Organization Signatories]

1. <http://2021.nibs.org/files/pdfs/ms_v4_overview.pdf> [↑](#endnote-ref-1)