



SUPPORT H.R.4, THE FAA REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2018

Senators and Representatives,

On behalf of the BuildStrong Coalition, we would like to urge you to support H.R.4, the newly introduced FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018. In addition to solidifying the future of the aviation industry and keeping America as the world leader in aviation, this offers a much-needed path forward for fixing our country's broken disaster relief system and investing in a stronger, safer America.

As you know, last year's hurricanes and wildfires caused over 260 American deaths and more than \$300 billion in projected damages. In addition to providing critical relief for American families, the bill will ensure these essential tax dollars are an investment in a stronger future, not continued spending on the same broken system that left America vulnerable to recent disasters.

Research has demonstrated that \$1 invested pre-disaster saves \$4-8 on post-disaster recovery costs. H.R.4 contains provisions that would leverage this cost-saving power to ensure that the country is prepared before the next major disaster. H.R.4 would:

1. **Leverage the Life- and Cost-Saving Power of Prevention** by providing states with access to an on-budget pre-disaster mitigation fund for activities that provide a measurable reduction of risk
2. **Invest in a Stronger Future Following Disasters** by focusing recovery funds toward resilient building code adoption and enforcement

We encourage you to support H.R.4 to save lives, property, and taxpayer dollars. To learn more about the dangerous disaster spending trend in the United States, we invite

you to go to mara.buildstrongamerica.com. Together, we can make America resilient again.

Sincerely,

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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. Our coalition members include:

The American Institute of Architects	National Association of State Fire Marshals
American Society of Civil Engineers	National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies
Allstate Insurance Company	National Concrete Masonry Association
American Insurance Association	National Council of Structural Engineers Association
Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute	National Fire Protection Association
Congressional Fire Services Institute	National Institute of Building Sciences
Council of Insurance Agents and Brokers	National Ready Mixed Concrete Association
Farmers Insurance Group of Companies	Nationwide Insurance
Federal Alliance for Safe Homes	Natural Hazard Mitigation Association
Financial Services Roundtable	NeighborWorks America
Firemen's Association of the State of New York	Professional Insurance Agents
Florida Association of Counties	Property Casualty Insurers Association of America
Florida Emergency Preparedness Association	Reinsurance Association of America
The Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety	Simpson Strong-Tie Co
Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of America	Solutia
International Code Council	Travelers
International Association of Fire Chiefs	State Farm Insurance Companies
Liberty Mutual Insurance	The Hartford
MetLife	USAA