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“The National Coordination on Adaptation and Resilience for Security (NCARS) Act of 2026”

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Topline

A federal strategy to increase resiliency and protect Americans from natural disasters.

The Problem

Vulnerable communities face increasing risk from flooding, wildfires, droughts, hurricanes, tornadoes, and winter storms. Not only does this threaten human health, but it also puts property and critical infrastructure at risk.

- **Rising Costs:** The costs of dealing with disasters is increasing by an average of more than \$225 billion each decade since 1980.
- **Poor Coordination:** The federal government currently has a siloed approach to disaster preparedness, with funds spread across at least 17 agencies, many of which are duplicative.
- **Poor Fiscal Responsibility:** According to FEMA, each dollar invested in resilience saves roughly \$6 when disaster strikes. Preparing our communities is a responsible investment.
- **A Piecemeal Strategy Leaves Us Vulnerable:** While many states have successfully initiated state resiliency plans through Chief Resilience Officers (including FL, LA, and SC), the lack of a true national strategy leaves American communities unprotected.

The Solution

The National Coordination on Adaptation and Resilience for Security (NCARS) Act would consolidate government efforts to promote efficiency in disaster planning and lay out a clear, proactive strategy and plan to shore up American resiliency by:

- Creating a National Adaptation and Resilience Strategy and an Implementation Plan with federal, state, local, private sector, and non-profit partners.
- Establishing a Chief Resilience Officer in the White House to implement the plan.
- Utilizing interagency working groups to streamline efforts and ensure accountability.
- Creating a federal information hub to streamline resilience resources to communities.

Support

The Pew Charitable Trusts; the U.S. Chamber of Commerce; National Association of Counties; Environmental Defense Fund, Woodwell Climate Research Center; American Public Works Association; National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies; Federation of American Scientists; American Society of Civil Engineers; American Property Casualty Insurance Association; Taxpayers for Common Sense; American Flood Coalition Action; the Nature Conservancy; Union of Concerned Scientists; Alliance for Global Water Adaptation; Center for Climate and Energy Solutions; City Parks Alliance; Environmental Council of the States; Geos Institute; International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials; International Code Council; Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative; National Association of Flood and Stormwater Management Agencies; National Recreation and Park Association; Reinsurance Association of America; and World Wildlife Fund.

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