

# MITIGATION

#### **CREATING RESILIENT COMMUNITIES**

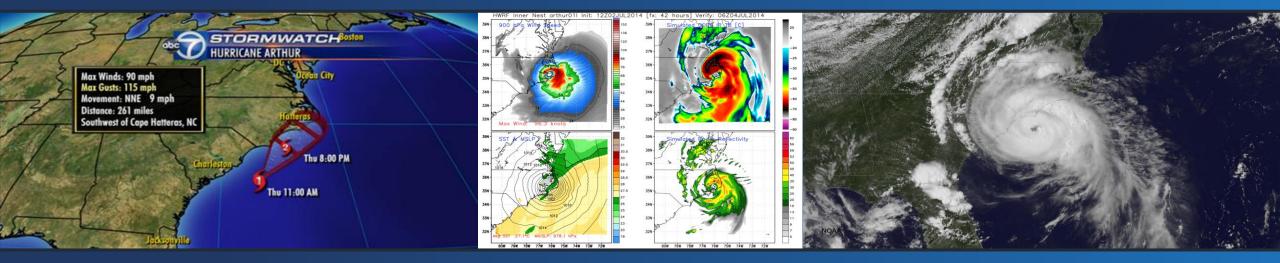






#### **HURRICANE ARTHUR**

# Hurricane Arthur struck the Outer Banks of North Carolina as a CAT 2 Hurricane in July 2014







#### HURRICANE FLORENCE

#### 100,000 Claims and Losses Exceeding \$1.7 Billion







#### 90% of Claims Settled Within 60 Days













### **TOP 10 HURRICANES**

HURRICANE	AMOUNT OF LOSS	CATEGORY
Katrina, 2005	\$160.2 Billion	CAT 3
Harvey, 2017	\$128.2 Billion	CAT 4
Maria, 2017	\$ 91.8 Billion	CAT 4
Sandy, 2012	\$ 70.7 Billion	CAT 3
Irma, 2017	\$ 51.0 Billion	CAT 4
Andrew, 1992	\$ 48.2 Billion	CAT 4
lke, 2008	\$ 34.5 Billion	CAT 2
Ivan, 2004	\$ 27.2 Billion	CAT 3
Michael, 2018	\$ 25.0 Billion	CAT 4
Florence, 2018	\$ 24.0 Billion	CAT 1

Source: NOAA

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### NATURAL DISASTERS













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#### INSURANCE INSTITUTE FOR BUSINESS & HOME SAFETY (IBHS)







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### THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANIES (NAMIC)

## **RESEARCH SHOWS:**

\$1 invested in pre-disaster mitigation
= \$6 saved in future disaster cost



### **\$11 SAVED**

For those with the most updated building codes: \$1 in pre-disaster mitigation = \$11 saved in future disaster cost

#### **RESILIENCY WEEK 2019 | #**RESILIENCYWEEK

THE ROAD TO resiliency starts now

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#### **IMPACT OF RESILIENT CONSTRUCTION**



- Less Community Damage
- Reduced Costs of Emergency
   Management and Disaster Recovery
   Resources
- Maintaining Tourism and Tax Base
- Lower Insurance Losses
- Increased Availability of Insurance
- Improved Affordability of Insurance

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#### **IMPACT OF RESILIENT CONSTRUCTION**



- Minimizing Disruption to the Homeowner's Lives
- Increased Protection for What Cannot be Replaced by Insurance Dollars



# **MITIGATION CREDITS**





#### **NCIUA RESULTS - DECEMBER 2016**





#### NCIUA CERTIFIED IBHS FORTIFIED ROOFS DECEMBER 2016





# HOW DO WE INCENTIVIZE CONSUMERS?





### **DESIRING A FORTIFIED HOME**

How can we get consumers to desire a Fortified Home or Roof as much as they desire Granite or Quartz Countertops?



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# **CHANGING OUR APPROACH**





# **BUILDING INFRASTURCTURE**





#### MULTIPLE IBHS EVALUATOR/CONTRACTOR/ROOFING TRAINING







#### FIRST PILOT PROGRAM: ENHANCEMENT ENDORSEMENT





#### **NCIUA ENHANCEMENT ENDORSEMENT**

HOMEOWNERS PF 01 00 11 16

THIS ENDORSEMENT CHANGES THE POLICY. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

#### SPECIAL ROOF COVERAGE, IBHS FORTIFIED HOME™ BRONZE LEVEL ROOF REPLACEMENT (OPTION TWO), TERRITORIES 110 & 120 ONLY

#### INTRODUCTION

FORTIFIED Home<sup>™</sup> is an engineering and building standard developed by the Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety (IBHS) to mitigate windrelated hurricane damage. The program also includes evaluation and inspection requirements to ensure the technical standards are properly implemented, resulting in the designation of a home as meeting the FORTIFIED Home requirements.

#### COVERAGE

If the amount of a "covered loss" to the roof covering of the dwelling on the "residence premises" shown on the declarations is greater than 50% of the replacement cost value of the entire roof covering and the roof sheathing on the dwelling is (or was immediately prior to the loss) a minimum of 7/16-inch OSB or plywood, then this endorsement may apply at the option of the insured.

When the coverage provided by this endorsement applies and the insured opts to invoke the coverage provided by this endorsement, the Association will pay the costs of the materials and labor, the costs of the initial inspection and assessment, and the costs of the verification inspection(s) necessary to obtain the IBHS designation "FORTIFIED Home™ Hurricane Bronze with new roof cover." The insured will be responsible for arranging and coordinating the roof replacement work, as well as the inspections, assessments and verifications required by IBHS.

#### DEFINITIONS

With respect to the coverage provided by this endorsement, "covered loss" means a loss occurring between January 1, 2017 and June 30, 2017 that is caused by a Peril Insured Against named under "SECTION I – PERILS INSURED AGAINST, A. Coverage A – Dwelling And Coverage B – Other Structures" that is not excluded by "SECTION I – EXCLUSIONS" or otherwise excluded by any other provision or condition of this policy.

#### SPECIAL CONDITIONS

A. In addition to the requirements of the Loss Settlement and Replacement Cost provisions of this policy, the insured must submit proof of the IBHS designation "FH Hurricane Bronze with new roof cover" to the Association upon completion of the designation process.

All other provisions and conditions of the policy shall apply.

Territories 110 & 120 represents the Outer Banks and Barrier Islands of North Carolina

Approved by NCDOI on December 28, 2016



### **EXTERIOR ROOF**



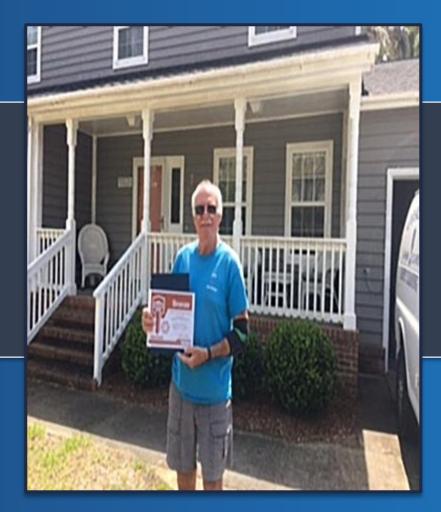
- Existing Roof Removed to the Decking
- Sealed Roof Deck
- Nail Spacing
- Ring Shank Nails
- Roof Mounted Vents

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#### FIRST PILOT PROGRAM IBHS CUSTOMER

"Just wanted to say thanks again for your quick response and coordination on the roof damage and upgrade. You and your team handled every aspect with true professionalism and made the whole process totally stress free."



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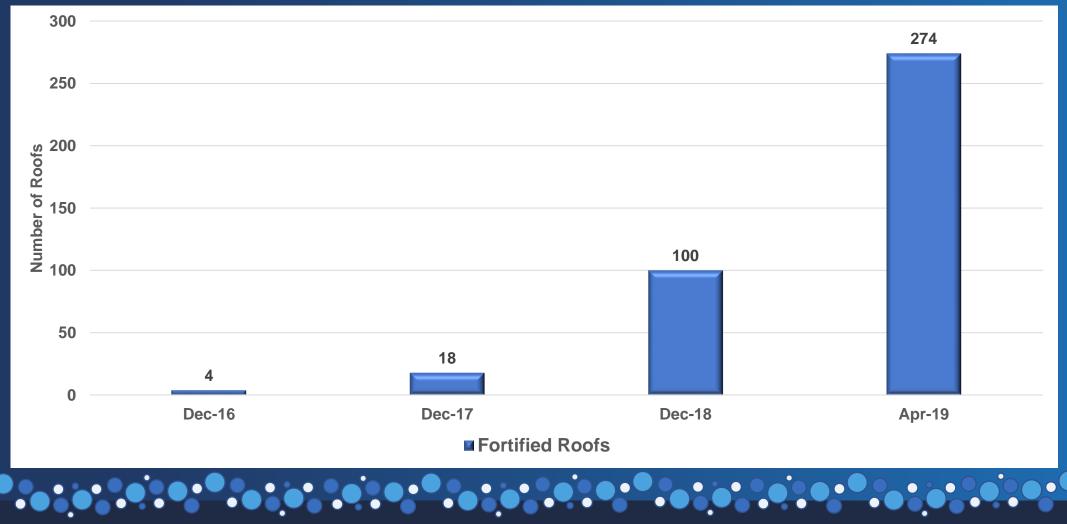


# **PILOT PROGRAM RESULTS**





#### NCIUA CERTIFIED IBHS FORTIFIED ROOFS APRIL 2019





### **LESSONS LEARNED**



- During Florence, some policyholders did not take the FORTIFIED Roof upgrade, because they did not want to wait for the evaluator and roofer to coordinate installation
- During Florence, some roofers discouraged policyholders from accepting the FORTIFIED Roof upgrade as they desired to complete as many roofs as possible. The FORTIFIED Roof would have required more time to complete.





# **2019 - CONTINUING TO INNOVATE**





NCIUA pilot program to build better beach communities





#### FIRST HOME TO RECEIVE GRANT APPROVAL



#### **Emerald Isle**

#### 1,900 Square Feet; Built 1984; \$193,000 Value





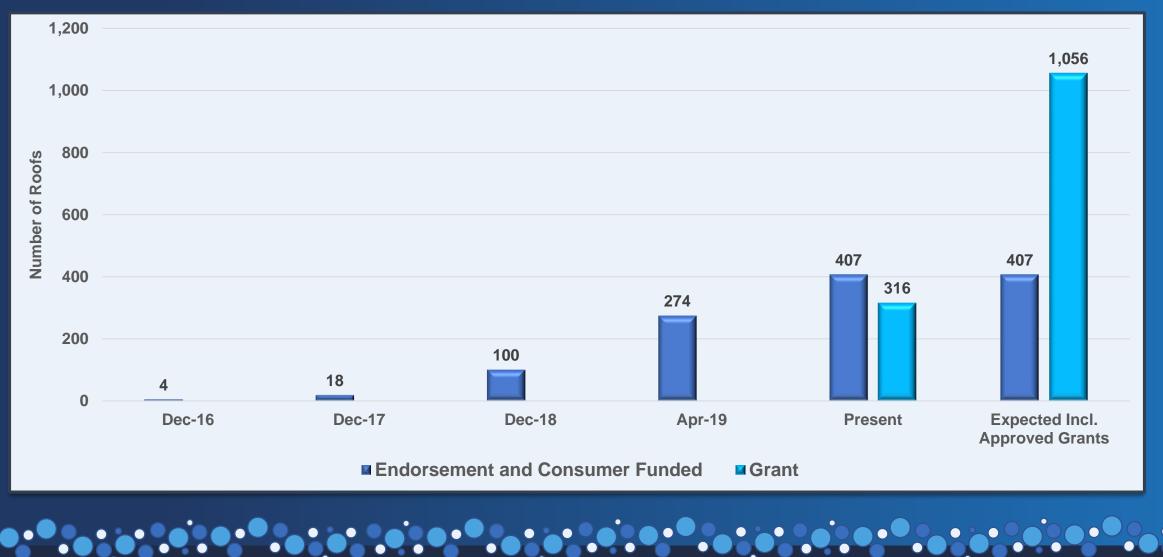
#### COMMENTS REGARDING THE "GRANT" PROGRAM



- "The one thing I wasn't worried about was the roof! This was an awesome program!"
- "We are happy as we can be that we got the roof on before the hurricane."
- "Everything was great from what our son told us. I'm very pleased with the whole operation and how quickly I got refunded. I would be glad to be a recommendation for others, just call me!"
- "Everything is fine: my peace of mind was out of the world with my new roof"



#### **NCIUA CERTIFIED FORTIFIED IBHS ROOFS**





# HOW DID FORTIFIED ROOFS PERFORM





#### **MEDIAN LOSS**

### **COUNTIES WITH MOST FLORENCE CLAIMS**





 Of all NCIUA properties (400+) with FORTIFIED Roofs in place when Hurricane Dorian struck North Carolina, only 7 losses reported roof damage. Of those, 3 reported minor interior water damage and only 1 suffered significant water intrusion.







#### **REGARDING NCIUA FORTIFIED ROOFS AFTER HURRICANE DORIAN**





- "My roof was excellent. The yard had lots of shingles in it, but they weren't mine! Thanks for the grant."
- "I had incredible piece of mind! The winds and debris from trees didn't sound as strong with the new roof; no shingles were found when raking this time!"
- "The one thing I wasn't worried about was the roof! This was an awesome program!"
- "The roof stayed intact and did its job. I'm very pleased."



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## PLEASE OFFER AGAIN...



- "This was a good grant program, even though others thought it was a scam. Please offer it again so the nonbelievers can take advantage of it!"
- "I have said good things about the roof to the neighbors. We were very skeptical at first of the grant being too good to be true. I had a very positive experience in every way. I'm grateful. They don't understand it's not the wind but water leaks that cause so much damage from storms."





# **OTHER MITIGATION PROGRAMS**





# CALIFORNIA EARTHQUAKE AUTHORITY

CEA is a not-for-profit residential earthquake insurer





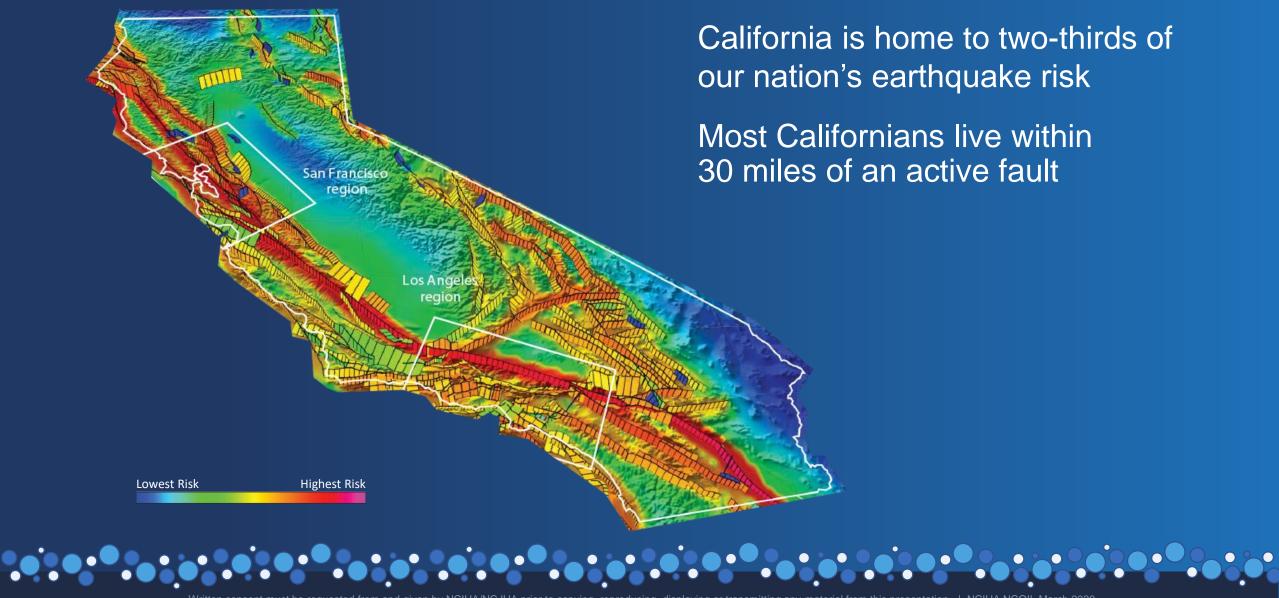
# WHEN NORTHRIDGE EARTHQUAKE STRUCK IN 1994



- Caused \$20 billion in residential damage
- Destroyed or severely damaged thousands of single-family homes
- Left about 22,000 people homeless











Grants of \$3,000





#### MITIGATION

## A GROWING PROGRAM

 2014:
 9 homes
 2017: 2,182 homes

 2015:
 528 homes
 2018: 3,349 homes

 2016:
 1,639 homes
 2019: FEMA funding \$23M

## 10,000 homes retrofitted since 2014 launch





# **STRENGTHEN ALABAMA HOMES**





North Carolina Joint Underwriting Association | FAIR Plan North Carolina Insurance Underwriting Association | Coastal Property Insurance Pool





The Strengthen Alabama Homes program provides grants, up to \$10,000 per application, to Alabama residences for mitigating their home against wind damage by achieving the FORTIFIED™ standard developed by the Insurance Institute for Business and Home Safety.



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# SOUTH CAROLINA SAFE HOMES





The South Carolina Safe Home program, administered by the South Carolina Department of Insurance, solely funded through the General Assembly and provides \$5,000 matching and non-matching grant funds to help coastal property owners retrofit their homes to make them more resistant to hurricane and high-wind damage.







# **OUR JOURNEY CONTINUES: WHAT'S NEXT**





2020



NCIUA pilot program to build better beach communities

#### \$10 Million – NCIUA Grant (Strengthen Your Roof)





#### PROGRAM EXPANSION: 2020 CHALLENGE GRANT Can NCIUA Secure Matching Funding?

NCIUA Board has authorized an additional \$10 million dollars to expand program if NCIUA can obtain matching funding from Federal, State, Local or Private Sources.



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North Carolina Joint Underwriting Association | FAIR Plan North Carolina Insurance Underwriting Association | Coastal Property Insurance Pool





- Complete at least 2,600 grants
- Applied for four additional FEMA Grants





Current amount of funding available for 2020: \$10,000,000 FORTIFIED™ jobs projected to be completed with current 2020 funding: 1,000









#### \$1.1 Million of Funding from General Assembly of South Carolina





#### WORKING TOGETHER TO EXEMPT GRANTS FROM FEDERAL TAX





#### H.R. 5494: Catastrophe Loss Mitigation and Tax Parity Act

Representative Mike Thompson introduced H.R. 5494 on December 19, 2019 which establishes tax exempt status for state-funded residential mitigation programs for earthquake, windstorm and wildfire.



#### H.R. 5494

California

Sponsor: Rep. Mike Thompson (D, CA)

#### **Co-Sponsors:**

Rep. Aquilar (D) Rep. Panetta (D) Rep. Bera (D) Rep. Sanchez (D) Rep. Brownley (D) Rep. Speier (D) Rep. Calvert (R) Rep. Swalwell (D) Rep. Chu (D) Rep. Cook (R)

Rep. Garamendi (D) Rep. Gomez (D)

#### Alabama

**Rep. Bradley (R)** Rep. Rogers (R) Rep. Sewell (D)

South Carolina Rep. Rice (R) North Carolina Rep. Rouzer (R)

Wisconsin Rep. Moore (D)

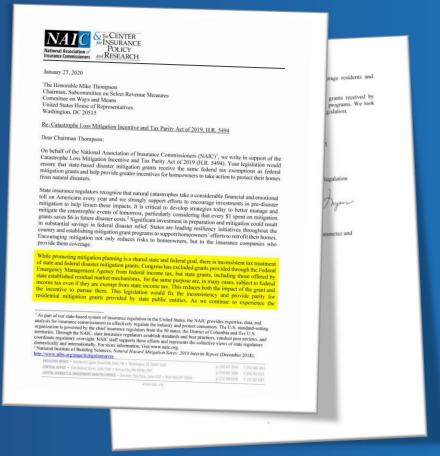




# H.R. 5494: Catastrophe Loss Mitigation and Tax Parity Act National Association of Insurance Commissioners



*"While promoting mitigation planning is a shared state and federal goal, there is inconsistent tax treatment of state and federal disaster mitigation grants ... This legislation would fix the inconsistency and provide parity for residential mitigation grants provided by state public entities."* 

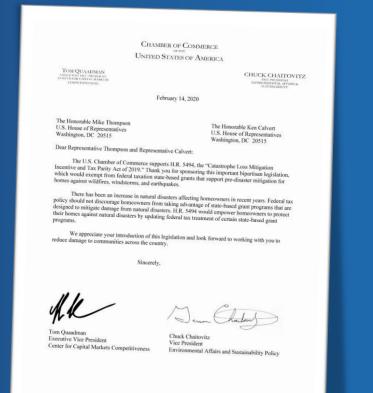


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#### H.R. 5494: Catastrophe Loss Mitigation and Tax Parity Act Chamber of Commerce of the United States of America

"H.R. 5494 would empower homeowners to protect their homes against natural disasters by updating federal tax treatment of certain statebased grant programs."





#### H.R. 5494: Catastrophe Loss Mitigation and Tax Parity Act A Growing List of Supporters

- Alabama Association of REALTORS®
- Alabama Center for Insurance Information and Research
- Alabama Independent Insurance Agents
- Alabama Insurance Coalition
- American Family Insurance
- American Property Casualty Insurance Association
- BuildStrong Coalition
- Earthquake Engineering Research Institute
- Enterprise Community Partners, Inc.
- Federal Alliance for Safe Homes
- Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of
   US Resiliency Council America
- Independent Insurance Agents of North Carolina
- Independent Insurance Agents of Wisconsin

- Institute for Business and Home Safety
- International Code Council
- National Association of Mutual Insurance **Companies**
- National Council of Structural Engineers Associations
- Property Insurance Plans Services Office
- R Street Institute
- Reinsurance Association of America
- Structural Engineers Association of California
- United Policyholders
- Wisconsin Insurance Alliance

Select Revenue Measures Subcommittee on Ways & Means Committee 406 Cannon Office Building United States House of Representative Washington, DC 20515 RE: SUPPORT H.R. 5494 – Federal Income Tax Parity for State Disaster Mitigation Grants

The Honorable Mike Thompson, Chairman

#### Dear Chairman Thompson

February 7, 2020

As you know, FEMA Stafford Act grants for disaster mitigation for individuals are not subject to federal income tax. Unfortunately, state grants for the exact same purpose are subject to federal income tax even if they are exempt from state income tax. This means, if a homec receives a state-based grant for disaster mitigation work to protect their homes from catastrophe, they must pay federal income tax on the grant money on top of their persona vestment in these expensive projects.

The undersigned organizations commend your leadership in ending this federal income tax disparity. We are pleased that you have introduced HR 5494, which will eliminate federal ation of state provided residential mitigation grants for earthquake, windstorm, and wild

owners for mitigation work and encourages state-based mitigation a ded by state public entitie

sasters, including windstorm, wildfires, and earthquakes, become increasingly uent and devastating, it is more important than ever to encourage residents and ners to utilize pre-disaster mitigation programs. Pre-event mitigation is the right thing to do, and it makes good financial sense for the government. Indeed, according to FEMA's 2017 Interim Report, each \$1 spent on mitigation saves society \$4 in future disaster costs. Providing parity in tax treatment will provide a path for state and public-based programs to lead the nitigation and resilience efforts encouraged by FEMA.

"This bipartisan, common-sense legislation ensures consistent federal tax treatment for grants received by homeowners for mitigation work and encourages state-based mitigation and resiliency programs in direct furtherance of a federal responsibility."



# JOIN US ON THE JOURNEY





## **OPPORTUNITIES**

- 1) Assist with Securing State and Federal Funding
- 2) Encourage more legislators to co-sponsor federal legislation H.R. 5494 exempting grants from Federal Taxation
- 3) Encourage other residual plans and private market insurers to educate policyholders and provide enhancement coverage

4) Engage with the Building Community



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### **TOGETHER WE CAN BUILD RESILIENT COMMUNITIES**



