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The Honorable Mike Thompson
268 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: *Disaster Resiliency and Coverage Act of 2024 (H.R. 7849) – SUPPORT*

Dear Congressman Thompson:

On behalf of the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), thank you for introducing legislation – the *Disaster Resiliency and Coverage Act of 2024 (H.R. 7849)* – that would help address the ongoing insurance crisis in California. Pursuant to the bill, households and businesses in disaster-prone regions would be eligible for new grants and tax incentives to improve the resiliency of their properties.

Mitigation measures such as wildfire-resistant landscaping, fire-resistant building materials, and defensible space around properties can significantly reduce the risk of property damage and loss in the event of a disaster. By investing in these measures, homeowners can lower the likelihood of experiencing a catastrophic event and the subsequent need to file an insurance claim. This can result in long-term cost savings for homeowners and businesses over the life of their insurance policy. Furthermore, stronger and more resilient communities will ultimately increase the availability and affordability of property insurance. By prioritizing disaster resilience and enhancing coverage options, we can better protect our communities, save lives, and build a more sustainable future for generations to come.

The *Disaster Resiliency and Coverage Act of 2024* is a crucial step towards mitigating the devastating impacts of natural disasters and enhancing our nation's preparedness for future challenges. As such, CSAC supports H.R. 7849 and looks forward to working with you to advance the measure in the coming months. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Hasan Sarsour, CSAC's Washington representative, at 202-441-4516 or hs@paragonlobbying.com.

Sincerely,

Graham Knaus, CEO
California State Association of Counties