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

The AIA represents over 94,000 licensed architects and design professionals and is committed to protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the public. Since 1857, this concern is central to all that we do. As a key component of this goal, AIA believes federal support is critical to improving community resilience throughout the country. In fact, mitigation efforts, such as adopting latest editions of published consensus-based building codes, can save up to \$13 per \$1 invested.ⁱ These savings can and should be promoted in communities across the country.

We recognize that pre-disaster mitigation works as a critical 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 consider the appropriation 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.

Architects stand ready to work with the Committee members on both sides of the aisle to better prepare America's built environment to natural disaster threats. We look forward to continuing to work with you.

Sincerely,



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CC: The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker
The Honorable Kevin McCarthy, Minority Leader
The Honorable Chuck Schumer, Leader
The Honorable Mitch McConnell, Minority Leader