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Dear Friends,



It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2019 International Code Council Annual Conference at the Rio All-Suite Hotel and Casino. The International Code Council brings together local, state, and federal officials to develop voluntary consensus codes that protect Americans in the buildings where we worship, live, work, and play.

With natural disasters only expected to increase in frequency and severity, the codes include important safeguards to protect the public. In January 2019, the congressionally-established National Institute of Building Sciences (NIBS) found that adopting modern model building codes saves \$11 for every \$1 invested through earthquake, flood, and wind mitigation benefits, with a \$4 to \$1 wildfire mitigation benefit. For Las Vegas and Clark County, the seismic mitigation benefit could reach \$16 for every \$1 invested. My district is located in one of the most seismically active regions in the United States. Both Clark County and Las Vegas recently updated to the latest building codes with several measures to further strengthen earthquake resilience. By working to adopt strong codes now, we're actively mitigating seismic risk.

But neither natural disasters nor the response and recovery required in their aftermath stop at county or even state lines. That is why Congress has and must continue to focus on strengthening our national resilience. Congress took important steps last year by passing the Disaster Recovery and Reform Act. The DRRA boosts pre-disaster mitigation resources and encourages rebuilding smarter post-disaster. I served as a lead sponsor of this effort which provided new resources for modern code adoption and enforcement both pre- and post-disaster. I am also proud to Chair the House Subcommittee that oversees the Stafford Act and disaster response.

Whether advocating for DRRA or other legislation to create better buildings while protecting our environment, consider me your ally. Please do not hesitate to call if I can be of service; and if you find yourself in Downtown Las Vegas or Washington, D.C., come by our office anytime.

Sincerely,

Member of Congress