



As natural hazards become more frequent and severe, investment in our nation's infrastructure is critical for safeguarding communities, maintaining healthy businesses, and strengthening the valuable assets we already have in place. Natural disasters cost the U.S. \$145 billion in 2021, however the National Institutes for Building Science (NIBS) has found that every \$1 spent on hazard mitigation saves the nation \$6 in future disaster costs.

Civil engineers are working to harden existing infrastructure and to ensure that any new infrastructure built can better withstand challenges from a changing climate.

To become a more resilient nation, we must ensure our infrastructure is built for the future and our nation's limited federal resources are spent wisely, with mitigation and preparedness in mind.



The PRECIP Act (H.R. 1437) passed out of the House Committee on Science, Space & Technology on November 16, 2021. It is currently awaiting consideration by the full House of Representatives. A Senate companion (S. 3053) was introduced on October 21, 2021. Both the House and the Senate versions are supported on a bipartisan basis.

ASCE strongly endorses the PRECIP Act and encourages its swift passage in both chambers of Congress.



On November 10, 2021, the House Science, Space & Technology Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a hearing on reauthorization of the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program with the Program Director Dr. Scott Weaver, and officials from the National Science Foundation and Federal Emergency Management Agency. Committee Chairwoman Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX), Subcommittee Chairwoman Haley Stevens (D-MI), and Subcommittee Ranking Member Michael Waltz (R-FL) all expressed support for the program, but no action has been taken.

ASCE strongly urges Congress to reauthorize this critical program, which expired in 2020.



The Senate Committee on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs passed the Disaster Resiliency Planning Act (S. 3510) on February 2, 2022. It now awaits consideration by the full Senate.

ASCE strongly endorses this legislation and encourages its swift passage by both chambers of Congress.



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