



May 10, 2024

The Honorable Mike Thompson
United States House of Representatives
268 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: H.R. 7849 (Thompson) -- Support

Dear Congressman Thompson:

On behalf of the City of Santa Rosa, I am writing to thank you for introducing H.R. 7849, the Disaster Resiliency and Coverage Act of 2024. The City of Santa Rosa is in support of this important legislation. HR 7849 would provide pre-disaster mitigation grants and tax incentives for households to reduce the risk of real property damage due to natural disasters, including floods, hurricanes, and wildfires.

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As you know, during the 2017 Tubbs Fire, nine residents died, 3,043 residential units were destroyed displacing thousands of people from their homes, and thirty-six commercial buildings were destroyed putting hundreds of people out of work. The immense devastation Santa Rosa faced after the 2017 fires was profound. We need to support community efforts to prevent wildfires and promote resiliency initiatives to protect our homes and wildfire.

The City of Santa Rosa strongly supports enhancing federal assistance, including grants and tax incentives for households to build stronger and safer before disasters strike. According to the National Institute of Building Sciences, research shows that every \$1 spent on mitigation efforts leads to \$6 in reduced future disaster costs. Mitigating the disaster risk could also help with the risk-based insurance rates for these properties.

Thank you for authoring this critical measure.

Sincerely,

Natalie Rogers
Mayor