



November 12, 2024

The Honorable Jared Huffman
United States House of Representatives
2445 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Rep. Huffman:

On behalf of the City of Santa Rosa, CA, I am writing to express our strong support for Senate Amendment 3103 of the Reed-Wicker Managers Package of amendments to the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).

Senate Amendment 3103 would reauthorize the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA), which would provide critical support for disaster-impacted communities like Santa Rosa to help them accelerate their recovery.

NATALIE ROGERS
Mayor

MARK STAPP
Vice Mayor

Specifically, the provisions of the EDA reauthorization proposal that would most impact Santa Rosa are as follows. S. 3891 and Senate Amendment 3103 would:

- establish an Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience within EDA;
- accelerate the development of shovel-ready sites needed to attract supply-chain manufacturers from critical industries
- increases federal cost share of most awards from 50% to 60% and up to 100% for disaster recovery assistance.

Reauthorizing EDA is crucial to protecting national economic security and enhancing U.S. economic competitiveness globally. EDA investments help foster resilient and diversified local economies, support American businesses, strengthen workforce development, and enhance critical infrastructure. EDA has not been reauthorized in 20 years, but reauthorization is essential to keep pace with our nation's rapidly changing economic conditions and security interests.

These changes proposed in S. 3891 will provide disaster-impacted communities, like Santa Rosa, with the flexibility and assistance needed to expedite recovery efforts and reduce the indirect and opportunity costs.

For these reasons, reauthorizing EDA this year is important. Therefore, as the House and Senate work to finalize an agreement on the National Defense Authorization Act, we encourage you to support the inclusion of the bipartisan reauthorization of the EDA.

Sincerely,

Natalie Rogers, Mayor