



MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
CITY OF LONG BEACH

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The Honorable Christopher A. Coons
U.S. Senate
218 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
U.S. Senate
522 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Scott H. Peters
U.S. House of Representatives
1201 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Maria Elvira Salazar
U.S. House of Representatives
1616 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: Support for the National Climate Adaptation and Resilience Strategy Act

Dear Senators Coons and Murkowski, and Representatives Peters and Salazar:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write in support of the National Climate Adaptation and Resilience Strategy Act. This bipartisan legislation would help advance the City's environmental goals by establishing an interagency structure and resources to implement equitable climate resilience strategies nationwide.

A variety of climate stressors impact Long Beach, including extreme heat and the urban heat island effect, sea-level rise and heavier storms, drought, and emissions and air quality challenges. In an effort to both mitigate its impacts and adapt to the effects of climate change, the City has prepared a [Climate Action and Adaptation Plan \(CAAP\)](#), incorporating feedback from nearly 60 outreach events with more than 10,000 community members. The CAAP outlines the City's priorities to create an inclusive and equitable plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, prepare the community for the impacts of climate change, improve quality of life, and enhance economic vitality and public health in Long Beach.

A core value of the City's Federal Legislative Agenda is to support policies that advance the City's long-term resilience and adaptability in the face of growing environmental challenges through additional federal resources for climate mitigation and adaptation. The National Climate Adaptation and Resilience Strategy Act would require the development of a national climate adaptation plan and create a new Chief Resilience Officer position appointed by the President, elevating this issue in the White House. The legislation would further create an interagency workgroup structure to assist collaborative efforts to implement resilience efforts across the country.

For these reasons, the City supports the National Climate Adaptation and Resilience Strategy Act and additional federal investments to implement climate resilience plans nationwide.

Sincerely,

Mayor Robert Garcia
City of Long Beach

cc: The Honorable Senator Dianne Feinstein
The Honorable Senator Alex Padilla
The Honorable Congressmember Nanette Barragan, 44th District
The Honorable Congressmember Alan Lowenthal, 47th District