

ABOUT THE CAUCUS

The Congressional Hazards Caucus provides information and education on preparing for, mitigating against, responding to, and recovering from natural disasters. Established in 2000, the caucus offers a platform for Members to demonstrate their concern and commitment to reducing the risks and costs associated with natural hazards and enhancing the nation's ability to recover from those events.

OBJECTIVES

The goals of the caucus are to:

- Educate Members of Congress and their staff about the natural hazards affecting the nation;
- Improve understanding of the need to mitigate the impacts of floods, hurricanes, tsunamis, space weather, earthquakes, landslides and land subsidence, volcanic eruptions, tornadoes, windstorms, drought, and wildfires;
- Enhance the integration of science and engineering in land-use planning and building code development;
- Strengthen public and private support for efforts to better understand, prevent, and mitigate the impacts of natural hazards by demonstrating how scientific research can be applied to save lives, property, and money;
- Support the implementation of new technologies to address challenges faced by federal, state, and local governments and the private sector.

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HAZARDS CAUCUS ALLIANCE

The Hazards Caucus Alliance (HCA) is a network of professional, scientific, and engineering societies, relief organizations, academic institutions, trade associations, and private companies that support the efforts of the caucus. The alliance reflects a strong partnership between the congressional caucus members and the supporting organizations and stakeholders that share similar interests in reducing the toll – both human and financial – of natural hazards.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

You may visit the Hazards Caucus Alliance website at www.hazardscaucus.org for more information about the caucus and the alliance, and for other useful resources, including fact sheets, hazards maps, and information on relevant federal and state programs, interagency efforts, and public-private partnerships.

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The alliance encourages additional Members to join the Congressional Hazards Caucus and welcomes other organizations interested in joining the alliance.

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