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 of Congress to demonstrate their commitment to reducing the risks and costs associated with natural disasters and enhancing the nation’s ability to recover from those events.

OBJECTIVES

• Focus greater attention in Congress on the natural hazards facing 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.

ABOUT THE 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 HCA reflects a strong partnership between the Caucus and the supporting organizations that share similar interests in reducing the toll – both human and financial – of natural hazards.

The HCA seeks to provide ways in which local, state, and federal governments and non-governmental organizations can better prepare for and mitigate the costs of natural disasters, and to highlight issues that lawmakers should address in order to make the country more resilient.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit www.hazardscaucus.org for more information about the Caucus and the Alliance, a list of members and past briefings, and other resources such as factsheets and map.

TO JOIN

Contact Michelle Barreto at the American Geosciences Institute (mbarreto@americangeosciences.org) for more information or to request to join.

We are currently seeking additional Members of Congress to join the Caucus and welcome other organizations interested in joining the Alliance.