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119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend section 203 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to require the President to provide assistance for predisaster hazard mitigation measures, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. STANTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Save Building Resilient
5 Infrastructure and Communities Act” or the “Save BRIC
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) Predisaster mitigation enables actions to be
4 taken proactively to reduce loss of life and property
5 by lessening the impact of future disasters.

6 (2) Effective mitigation minimizes the potential
7 loss of life and property from a disaster based on
8 identifying and understanding the risks in a given
9 area or community.

10 (3) The United States experienced 27 weather
11 and climate disasters with damages exceeding
12 \$1,000,000,000 in 2024.

13 (4) Mitigation can encompass a wide variety of
14 activities, including preparation and planning, ele-
15 vating or moving structures prone to flooding, reduc-
16 ing loss of life during extreme heat, and hardening
17 structures to mitigate the effects of hurricanes or
18 earthquakes.

19 (5) Scientific research has proven that every \$1
20 invested in predisaster mitigation saves up to \$13 in
21 disaster recovery costs.

22 (6) In 2019, President Trump created the
23 predisaster mitigation program known as Building
24 Resilient Communities and Infrastructure (BRIC)
25 because it is prudent from a business and insurance
26 perspective.

1 (7) In 2025, the BRIC program was wrongfully
2 cancelled and over \$4,000,000,000 of predisaster
3 mitigation grants were clawed back from commu-
4 nities vulnerable to disaster damage.

5 **SEC. 3. MANDATORY MITIGATION.**

6 Section 203 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief
7 and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5133) is
8 amended—

9 (1) in subsection (b) by striking “may” and in-
10 serting “shall”; and

11 (2) in subsection (c) by striking “may” and in-
12 serting “shall”.