



Briefing Notice



Citizens' Climate Lobby

Building Climate Resilience in the Real Estate Sector

Tuesday, March 6, 2018

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

HVC-201, U.S. Capitol Visitor Center

Please RSVP to expedite check-in: www.eesi.org/030618realestate#rsvp
Live webcast (connection permitting) will be streamed at: www.eesi.org/livecast
Light refreshments will be provided

The **Environmental and Energy Study Institute** (EESI) and **Citizens Climate Lobby** (CCL) invite you to a briefing to explore the climate risks facing the U.S. real estate sector, as well as policy solutions and innovations to help protect this crucial piece of the American economy. The turbulent 2017 hurricane season has sparked a national dialogue on how future extreme weather events may impact the security of homes, businesses, and other built infrastructure. Given the economic activity and investment tied to the buildings sector, its long-term health will depend on the capacity of public officials, insurance agencies, and property managers to adapt to climate change risks.

Join us for a discussion on ways the public and private sectors can collaborate to develop the policy tools necessary to safeguard America's buildings and homes from future natural disasters.

Congressional Speakers and Co-Hosts:

- **Rep. Charlie Crist** [D-FL 13th]
- **Rep. Lee Zeldin** [R-NY 1st]

Panel Speakers:

- **Brandi Gabbard**, Realtor, Smith & Associates Real Estate; Council Member, City of St. Petersburg, FL
- **Ryan Colker**, Vice President, National Institute of Building Sciences (NIBS)
- **John Miller**, Legislative Chair, New Jersey Association of Floodplain Management

While there is no "one-size fits all" solution to the threat posed by extreme weather and other climate-driven risks, communities can prepare by developing, adopting, and exchanging their own best practices for improved resilience. More than half of local governments in the United States are engaged in some form of adaptation planning. The steady integration of climate change factors into risk assessment models used by the insurance and re-insurance industries introduces a significant financial incentive for the real estate sector to "build smarter" in order to keep premiums down and avert costly damages.

This event is free and open to the public.

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