

# PREPARE ACT (S. 1370 / H.R. 2966)

Introduced By: Reps. Joe Morelle and Pete Stauber  
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Natural disasters are increasing in frequency, costing the United States \$800 billion in the last decade alone. Homes and small businesses have been devastated in recent years by the impacts of severe flooding. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) statistics show that about half (40 to 60 percent) of small businesses never reopen following a disaster, and every \$1 spent on mitigation saves taxpayers an average of \$6.

H.R.2966, the Providing Resources for Emergency Preparedness Resilient Enterprises (PREPARE) Act is a bipartisan bill that would help small businesses take preventative action to strengthen mitigation efforts to lessen the impact of severe weather events. Specifically, the PREPARE Act would:

- Authorize a pre-disaster mitigation loan pilot program, made available through the Small Business Administration (SBA) to provide low-interest, fixed rate loans (up to \$500,000) to small businesses to implement mitigation measures to protect against disaster-related damages.
- Authorize \$25 million annually (FY2024 to FY 2028).
- Task SBA with establishing and carrying out an advertising and outreach program.
- Task SBA with issuing guidance to ensure borrowers purchase and maintain insurance coverage over the duration of the loan.
- Require SBA to conduct initial reporting and a program evaluation annually after 60 days of enactment of the legislation.
- Increase, from 20 to 30 percent, the limit on existing SBA Physical Business Disaster Loans a borrower may use towards post-disaster mitigation

## **Position and Ask:**

**BOMA International endorses H.R. 2966: PREPARE ACT.** This legislation will give small businesses an important tool to invest in modern resilient infrastructure to protect their assets and continue to fuel job growth in communities across the country.

**BOMA International asks that Members of Congress co-sponsor H.R. 2966: PREPARE ACT.**

Please contact Marissa Kaiser at [Marissa.Kaiser@mail.house.gov](mailto:Marissa.Kaiser@mail.house.gov) to add your member as a co-sponsor.

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