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The Honorable Mazie Hirono
109 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Hirono:

On behalf of the American Geophysical Union (AGU), and our community of 130,000 worldwide who work in the Earth and space sciences, I am writing to thank you for introducing S.3621, the Climate Adaptation Science Centers (CASC) Act, and to offer AGU's official endorsement for this important bill.

Under the leadership of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), the Climate Adaptation Science Centers (CASCs) play a vital role in helping local communities across the country understand and adapt to the consequences of a changing climate. CASCs emphasize actionable science and foster connections and collaborations between communities and scientists, which are key to ensuring that communities can build healthy, resilient, thriving, just and ecologically responsible futures.

AGU applauds the bill's goal of providing permanent authorization and enhanced funding for this vital USGS program. At a time when the impacts of climate change are growing both in frequency and severity, it is imperative that our nation's communities have readily access to timely, science-informed solutions to help them adapt.

AGU appreciates your leadership and looks forward to working with you to advance this critical legislation and make progress on the overall issue in the future.

With best wishes,



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