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On Behalf Of:

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Dear Climate, Energy and Environmental Members,

I write to support more funding for Resilience Hub and Networks. For almost 30 years I lived in rural Oregon in an area at risk of forest fires. While there I experienced fires behind, in front of and on both sides of my property. During those fires it was difficult to get good information from busy first responders and government agencies. Twice we had sheriffs at our door telling us to evacuate leaving us little time to prepare. Neighbors were often our best source of information on what to do or where to go. For those of us with ready access to transportation and the ability to pay for a hotel room (if one is available) we at least had the ability to find a safe place. But many people in rural areas may own only one car and it is not available at the time of the fire. Others lack funds for a hotel room or because they owned pets or livestock they could not simply use that option. With increasing storms, fires, heat waves, power outages and other calamities people need to be prepared and helping people form their own hubs to pass information and provide assistance is crucial. Please fund these programs. Thank you.