



S. 3679, the “Readying Elders and Americans with Disabilities Inclusively (READI) for Disasters Act”

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Senator Bob Casey has introduced **READI for Disasters Act** in the 115th Congress. Senator Tammy Duckworth, Amy Klobuchar, Richard Blumenthal, Chris Van Hollen, Senator Maggie Hassan and Senator Patty Murray have signed on as cosponsors. **The more sponsorship that the READI for Disasters Act gets in the 115th Congress, the greater strength it will have for the 116th Congress.**

California’s experience in recent years with fires and other disasters has demonstrated that people with disabilities and older adults are at the greatest risk of injury or death during disaster preparation, response, and recovery.

What would the READI for Disasters Act do?

- Create a network of centers focused on research, training, and technical assistance to assist States and Localities to better involve and support older adults and people with disabilities during times of disasters.
- Establish a National Commission on Disability Rights and Disasters to study the needs of individuals with disabilities, older adults, and others with access and functional needs during emergency and disaster preparation and planning and throughout disaster response, recovery, and mitigation.
- Improve coordination of efforts between disability organizations and federal, tribal, territorial, state, local and non-governmental agencies before, during and after disasters.
- Ensure that the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Rehabilitation Act and other disability laws are followed during preparation for, response to, recovery from, and mitigation of disasters.