# Sample Action Alert for the REAADI for Disasters Act

## Action Alert: Ask [Congresspeople] to Cosponsor the REAADI for Disasters Act, a Bill Protecting the Rights of Disaster-Impacted People with Disabilities

**[Your organization]** is working with [The Partnership for Inclusive Disaster Strategies](http://www.disasterstrategies.org/), alongside Senator Casey and Congresswoman Dingell, on a landmark piece of disability and disaster legislation that will dismantle barriers faced by disaster-impacted people with disabilities and older adults.

**The Real Emergency Access for Aging and Disability Inclusion (REAADI) for Disasters Act was introduced in both the Senate (S. 1049) and House of Representatives (H.R. 2371) on Wednesday, March 29, 2023.**

**REAADI:**

* Funds research into disasters and disability;
* Creates a network of disability-led technical assistance centers to provide expertise and training to emergency planners for more disaster resilient whole communities;
* Requires the Department of Justice to review all Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) non-compliance settlement agreements in preparedness, response and recovery efforts;
* Establishes in statute the Crisis Standards of Care issued by Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights (HHS OCR) during the pandemic and to apply those standards to all public health emergencies and disasters;
* Requires a review of all federal funds spent in disasters to ensure compliance with accessibility laws; and
* Requires federal funds spent in constructing sleeping areas, including temporary units, must meet visitability standards.

## Take Action Now!

1. **Reach out to your Senators and Representatives and ask them to support REAADI.**
2. **Express organizational support for REAADI.** Fill out this Google form to add your name to the Organizational or Indivivual Supporters list. If Google forms are not accessible to you, please email us at [priya@disasterstrategies.com](mailto:priya@disasterstrategies.com) with your organization’s name and a short statement indicating support for REAADI.

**Tip:** Sign on both your organization and yourself at the same time!

1. **Visit** [**reaadi.com/take-action-now**](https://reaadi.com/take-action-now/) for templates and ideas that you can use to take further action.

**For more information on REAADI, visit** [**reaadi.com**](http://www.reaadi.com/)**.**