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In recognition of their well-documented benefits, FEMA has incentivized and encouraged the use of resilient codes at all levels of government to “increase the resilience of communities after a disaster,” “protect lives and property,” and to “reduc[e] the need for future Federal disaster recovery funding and other assistance.”<sup>3</sup> This approach transcends partisanship; it was significantly advanced during the Trump Administration through FEMA as well as within the F

