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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3170

Dear Chair Lively, Vice-Chairs Gamba and Levy, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for listening to my testimony in support of HB 3170 to provide an additional \$10 million for Resilience Hubs and Networks. My name is Alma, and I live in Washington County for 23 years. I work for Adelante Mujeres. Most of us are Latina, which gives us a strong connection to the people we serve.

During my time working at Adelante, community members come to me with concerns and emotional stress about not having safe and accessible facilities where they can go during extreme weather events. We are located near rural areas that need our support in emergency situations. For example, organizations like FEMA don't have training or support in Spanish. We could help provide this if we had money.

In 2024, we were one of the applications that were denied due to lack of funds. I support the addition of funds so that organizations like mine can create safe and welcoming centers for the Latina community and their families.

Please move House Bill 3170 forward.

Thank you,

Alma