

## Climate Resilience Fund Part of President Obama's Budget

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Steve Winkelman, director of the Center for Clean Air Policy's adaptation and transportation programs, comments about the climate change portion of President Obama's budget plan due out this week:

"President Obama's budget proposal is an important benchmark in the battle against climate change. Its \$1 billion allocation to the Climate Resilience Fund will help communities prepare for the impacts of climate change and reduce the risk they face from severe weather.

"This Climate Resilience Fund is fiscally smart. Hazard mitigation measures yield more than a \$4 return for every \$1 invested. If we prepare better now, we can trim disaster aid in the future and reduce the financial exposure of both the federal government and American businesses.

"The Climate Resilience Fund will help save taxpayers billions of dollars annually, will provide greater protection to the public in the face of increasing extreme weather events, reduce human suffering, reduce business interruption and create more resilient housing and infrastructure."

### CCAP EXPERT:

Steve Winkelman, Director of Transportation and Adaptation Programs, has 20 years of experience assisting government officials around the world with policy design, implementation and evaluation. An author of numerous publications on urban climate change policy, Steve has testified to Congress four times and his work has been well covered in trade and popular media. He is a member of the National Academy of Sciences Special Task Force on Transportation and Climate Change. Steve holds a B.S. in Physics from the University of Michigan and an M.A. in Public Policy from the University of Minnesota.

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