



News Release

Maryland Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman Announces American Flood Coalition Membership

National organization pushes adaptation to protect communities from higher seas, stronger storms, and more frequent flooding

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (December 5, 2025) — Maryland Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman has joined the **American Flood Coalition**, a bipartisan organization working across all levels of government to scale innovative solutions to the nation's toughest flood adaptation challenges. Comptroller Lierman is the first statewide fiscal officer to join the American Flood Coalition. The Coalition now has more than 500 members across 22 states, bringing together elected officials, military leaders, municipalities, and civic organizations with a common goal: to safeguard communities from rising seas, stronger storms, and increasing flooding. Comptroller Lierman joins an expanding list of prominent Maryland leaders and organizations supporting the group, such as Representative Johnny Olszewski, U.S. Representative Sarah Elfreth, Preservation Maryland, and the Maryland League of Conservation Voters Education Fund.

"Climate change is not a distant or hypothetical threat; it is a present and growing threat to our economic well-being," **Comptroller Lierman** said. "I am proud to join the American Flood Coalition and have their partnership in protecting Maryland's communities and economy. Investing in climate resilience is a strategic step in protecting lives, property, and our shared future."

Comptroller Lierman's support of the American Flood Coalition aligns with her broader vision to work in partnership to create a state that is more equitable, more resilient, and more prosperous so that every Marylander can reach their full potential. Early in her tenure, Comptroller Lierman hired the agency's first Climate Resilience Director to serve as a subject matter expert and to focus on alignment between our policies and our climate resilience and sustainability goals.

Earlier this year, Comptroller Lierman released her agency's [Climate Change Costs Report](#), which found that inaction on climate issues strains the state's economy and budget, driving up costs. The report estimated that safeguarding Maryland from chronic

coastal flooding could cost \$27.4 billion by 2040, and that every \$1 invested in resilience and disaster preparedness prevents \$13 in damages and recovery costs.

“Comptroller Lierman brings a valuable fiscal perspective to our growing coalition of leaders working to address the rising costs of flooding,” said **Melissa Roberts, Executive Director of the American Flood Coalition**. “From establishing the agency’s first Climate Resilience Director to releasing a detailed assessment of the financial risks Maryland faces, she is already demonstrating the kind of forward-looking leadership that will help protect communities and strengthen the state’s economy.”

To read the full Climate Change Costs Report, visit www.marylandcomptroller.gov/reports. For more information about the American Flood Coalition, visit www.floodcoalition.org.

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