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Environment Subcommittee Chair Lizzie Fletcher to Host Field Hearing on Hurricane Resiliency

(Houston, TX) – On Monday, July 22 at 3 PM CDT, **Congresswoman Lizzie Fletcher (D-TX)**, Chair of the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee’s Subcommittee on Environment will host Members of Congress in Houston, Texas, for a field hearing titled, [“Weathering the Storm: Improving Resiliency through Research.”](#)

Members and witnesses will discuss the current state of U.S. hurricane and coastal resilience research and ways in which current research efforts can be improved. This field hearing will be open to the public and press.

WHAT: House Science, Space, and Technology Committee’s Subcommittee on Environment Field Hearing: **“Weathering the Storm: Improving Resiliency through Research”**

WHEN: Monday, July 22, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. CDT

WHERE: Houston Community College
West Loop Campus Auditorium
5601 West Loop South
Houston, TX 77081

WITNESSES:

- **Dr. Louis W. Uccellini**, Assistant Administrator for Weather Services, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and Director, National Weather Service (NWS)
- **Dr. Hanadi Rifai, P.E.**, John and Rebecca Moores Professor; Director, Environmental Engineering Graduate Program; Associate Dean Research and Facilities, Director of Hurricane Resilience Research Institute (HuRRI), University of Houston
- **Ms. Emily Grover-Kopec**, Director of Insurance Practice, One Concern, Inc.
- **Mr. Jim Blackburn**, Co-Director, Severe Storm Prevention, Education and Evacuation from Danger (SSPEED) Center; Professor, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Rice University

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