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# *Greetings from United States Senator Shelley Moore Capito*

It is my honor as United States Senator for West Virginia to discuss flood resiliency in West Virginia. Thank you to Dr. Jamie Shinn and the research team for hosting this symposium and spearheading the creation of the West Virginia Flood Resiliency Framework to benefit our great state.

Previous flooding has impacted West Virginians in disastrous ways. Catastrophic floods, like those our state experienced in 2016, gained attention across West Virginia and the nation. West Virginia has historically been prone to flooding, both on a large and small scale, especially in rural communities. Many of these same communities have a difficult time recovering from flood damage. Today, this symposium represents a key part of bringing hope and assistance to the victims of floods. The new ability to have an online, free resource to support residents is just the beginning of a great change.

The creation of the West Virginia Flood Resiliency Framework will bring the state together, helping the communities most in need of relief and protection. Following these tragedies, I watched West Virginians band together for the good of the state and those in need. Moments like those make me proud to serve you in the United States Senate.

Sincerely,



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