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**CapZone Impact Investments LLC Signs On as Inaugural  
Global Resilience Institute Corporate Partner**

*Converting Profits to Purpose In U.S. Opportunity Zones*

**Boston — July 4, 2018.** CapZone Impact Investments LLC (“CapZone”), the first national Opportunity Zone investment platform, today joins the Global Resilience Institute’s Corporate Network, as its inaugural partner. The Global Resilience Institute (GRI) at Northeastern University is a university-wide, interdisciplinary institute committed to advancing the security, sustainability, health and well-being of communities and societies around the world. GRI’s mission is to solve the world’s most pressing resilience challenges in all forms, from slowly emerging disruptions to shocks and sudden disasters.

“We are honored to be GRI’s first corporate partner as we embed resilience into our investment and business practices nationally at the enterprise, community and project levels,” said Al Puchala, CapZone’s Chief Executive Officer. “Effectively building the nation’s first ESG plus Resilience investment ecosystem is our priority. To successfully deploy human, financial, and intellectual capital at scale into 8,700 low income **Opportunity Zones** throughout the nation will require a comprehensive approach, one strengthened by our partnership and having far reaching impact in multiple sectors, such as affordable housing, sustainable infrastructure and job creation,” Puchala added.

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act enacted in December 2017 created a nationwide investment program through **Opportunity Zones**, which are low income communities in designated census tracts selected by Governors of every U.S. state. Through investment in Opportunity Zones, taxpayers will become eligible for capital gains reductions or exclusions.

GRI’s Founding Director, Stephen Flynn, stated “We are pleased that CapZone has become an important partner to GRI. The alignment of CapZone’s and GRI’s values strengthens our commitment to finding long term solutions. We look forward to collaborating with CapZone as it integrates ESG investing with GRI’s resilience expertise and champions the business case for resilience,” Flynn added.

## **CAPZONE IMPACT INVESTMENTS LLC**

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Founded in 2018 as an innovative investment model to redefine American capitalism by converting profits to purpose, CapZone Impact Investments, LLC, the first national Opportunity Zone investment platform, is developing **Opportunity Zone** projects and other Environmental, Social and Governance plus Resilience investments for Social Impact **at scale**. CapZone brings together human, financial and intellectual capital to invest in low income communities to solve seemingly intractable problems throughout the U.S. Kimberly Lake, CapZone Chair, stated, “Private equity investors, expert lenders, universities, social impact philanthropists and all Americans are invited to join the CapZone ecosystem and work together to drive ESG + Resilience investing into Opportunity Zones.”

### **About the Global Resilience Institute at Northeastern University**

Based at Northeastern University in Boston, GRI’s research and educational mission is to develop and deploy practical and innovative tools, applications, and skills that drive social and technical changes which strengthen the capacity of individuals, communities, systems and networks to adapt to an increasingly turbulent world. GRI accomplishes this by facilitating new interdisciplinary research collaborations; working in close partnership with industry, government, communities, and non-governmental organizations; and engaging in external outreach to inform, empower, and scale bottom-up efforts that contribute to individual and collective resilience. Additional information about GRI and its programs is available at <https://globalresilience.northeastern.edu/>

### **About CapZone Impact Investments LLC**

CapZone is the first national Opportunity Zone investment platform focused on sourcing and deploying ESG plus Resilient investments that benefit low-income communities, at scale. For community leaders, CapZone provides equity capital that helps finance affordable housing, creates jobs, and renews underserved communities. For investors and foundations, CapZone delivers ESG investment opportunities, at scale, with significant tax advantages. For lenders, CapZone provides equity financing to strengthen their loan portfolios. For more information or to join the movement, visit [www.capzoneimpactinvestments.com](http://www.capzoneimpactinvestments.com)

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