

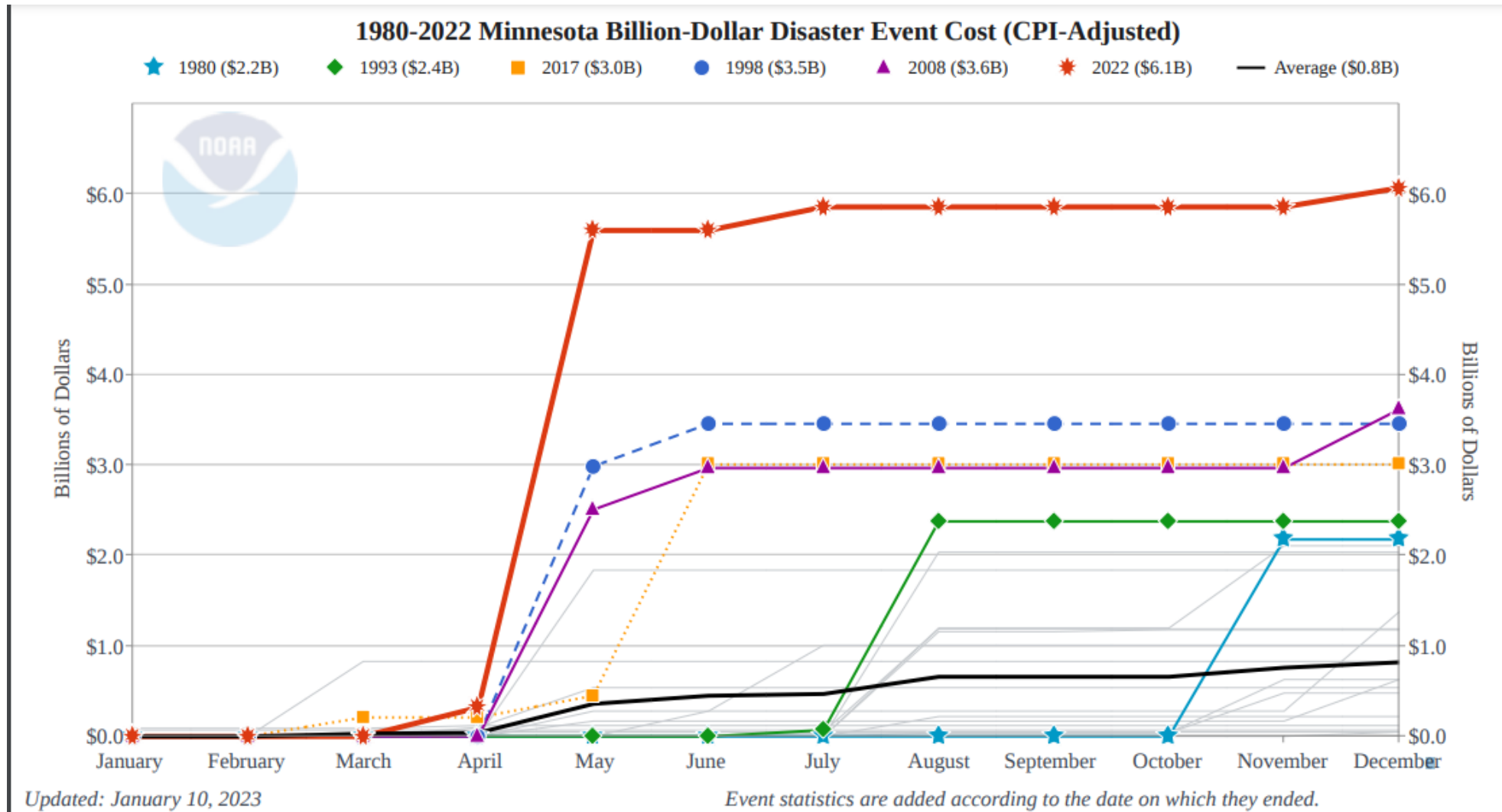


# Strengthen Minnesota Homes

# The Commerce Department works on clean energy and insurance regulation every day

- Commerce is:
  - Minnesota's insurance regulator
  - Operates Minnesota's Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)
  - Operates Minnesota's Energy Assistance Programs (EAP)
- Minnesota's property & casualty insurance market is tightening
  - Premiums going up and benefits changing in ways the consumer sometimes doesn't see
  - Severity and costs to recover from storms are rising – and the problem is getting worse

# Minnesota had three billion-dollar storms in May 2022



# There are three ways to reduce insurance risks related to severe storms

- Eliminate your exposure to the risk
  - Cancel insurance policies completely or cover less
- Collect more premiums to cover expected risks
- Reduce your risk exposure through mitigation
  - Pre-cover storm damage rather than recover from it

# Strengthen Minnesota Homes builds on successful programs in other states and improves them

- Grants for Minnesotans to harden their homes in ways that keep them safer and healthier during a storm
- Building climate resiliency home by home
  - [IBHS standards for risk reduction](#)
  - [“Strengthen Alabama Homes” program](#) as the model
- Coupled with mandatory homeowners insurance premium reductions because mitigation projects that build climate resiliency also reduce insurance risk

# Commerce: Strengthen Minnesota Homes



- Will help Minnesotans be more resilient to our changing climate by providing grants to protect homes against extreme weather events
- Modeled after successful programs in other states that work
- \$32,478 in FY24-25 and \$1.23 million ongoing starting in FY2026
- Supports Climate Action Framework resilient communities goal