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# H. R. 3176

To prohibit the Federal Emergency Management Agency from recouping certain assistance, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 11, 2017

Mr. MACARTHUR (for himself, Miss RICE of New York, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana, Mr. DELANEY, Mr. JONES, Mr. MEADOWS, Mr. CURBELO of Florida, Mr. POLIS, Mr. MEEKS, and Mr. FASO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Disaster Assistance  
5 Fairness and Accountability Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. RECOUPMENT OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE PROHIB-**  
7 **ITED.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 3716(e)  
9 of title 31, United States Code, the Federal Emergency

1 Management Agency may not take any action to recoup  
2 covered assistance from the recipient of such assistance  
3 if the receipt of such assistance occurred on a date that  
4 is more than 3 years before the date on which the Federal  
5 Emergency Management Agency first provides to the re-  
6 cipient written notification of an intent to recoup.

7 (b) COVERED ASSISTANCE DEFINED.—In this sec-  
8 tion, the term “covered assistance” means assistance pro-  
9 vided—

10 (1) under section 408 of the Robert T. Stafford  
11 Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42  
12 U.S.C. 5174); and

13 (2) in relation to a major disaster declared by  
14 the President under section 401 of such Act (42  
15 U.S.C. 5170) on or after January 1, 2012.

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