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AN ACT

To prevent evictions, foreclosures, and unsafe housing conditions resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, and for other purposes.

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

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

- 2 (a) Short Title.—This Act may be cited as the
- 3 "Emergency Housing Protections and Relief Act of
- 4 2020".
- 5 (b) Table of Contents for
- 6 this Act is as follows:
 - Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

TITLE I—PROTECTING RENTERS AND HOMEOWNERS FROM EVICTIONS AND FORECLOSURES

- Sec. 101. Emergency rental assistance.
- Sec. 102. Homeowner Assistance Fund.
- Sec. 103. Protecting renters and homeowners from evictions and foreclosures.
- Sec. 104. Liquidity for mortgage servicers and residential rental property owners.
- Sec. 105. Rural rental assistance.
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- Sec. 107. Supplemental funding for supportive housing for the elderly, supportive housing for persons with disabilities, supportive housing for persons with AIDS, and project-based section 8 rental assistance.
- Sec. 108. Fair Housing.
- Sec. 109. Funding for housing counseling services.

TITLE II—PROTECTING PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

- Sec. 201. Homeless assistance funding.
- Sec. 202. Emergency rental assistance voucher program.

7 TITLE I—PROTECTING RENTERS

- 8 AND HOMEOWNERS FROM
- 9 EVICTIONS AND FORE-
- 10 **CLOSURES**
- 11 SEC. 101. EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE.
- 12 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
- 13 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Housing
- 14 and Urban Development (referred to in this section as the
- 15 "Secretary") \$100,000,000,000 for an additional amount

- 1 for grants under the Emergency Solutions Grants pro-
- 2 gram under subtitle B of title IV of the McKinney-Vento
- 3 Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11371 et seq.), to
- 4 remain available until expended (subject to subsections (d)
- 5 and (n) of this section), to be used for providing short-
- 6 or medium-term assistance with rent and rent-related
- 7 costs (including tenant-paid utility costs, utility- and rent-
- 8 arrears, fees charged for those arrears, and security and
- 9 utility deposits) in accordance with paragraphs (4) and (5)
- 10 of section 415(a) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 11374(a)) and
- 11 this section.
- 12 (b) Definition of at Risk of Homelessness.—
- 13 Notwithstanding section 401(1) of the McKinney-Vento
- 14 Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11360(1)), for pur-
- 15 poses of assistance made available with amounts made
- 16 available pursuant to subsection (a), the term "at risk of
- 17 homelessness" means, with respect to an individual or
- 18 family, that the individual or family—
- 19 (1) has an income below 80 percent of the me-
- dian income for the area as determined by the Sec-
- 21 retary; and
- 22 (2) has an inability to attain or maintain hous-
- 23 ing stability or has insufficient resources to pay for
- rent or utilities due to financial hardships.

1	(c) Income Targeting and Calculation.—For
2	purposes of assistance made available with amounts made
3	available pursuant to subsection (a)—
4	(1) each recipient of such amounts shall use—
5	(A) not less than 40 percent of the
6	amounts received only for providing assistance
7	for individuals or families experiencing home-
8	lessness, or for persons or families at risk of
9	homelessness who have incomes not exceeding
10	30 percent of the median income for the area
11	as determined by the Secretary;
12	(B) not less than 70 percent of the
13	amounts received only for providing assistance
14	for individuals or families experiencing home-
15	lessness, or for persons or families at risk of
16	homelessness who have incomes not exceeding
17	50 percent of the median income for the area
18	as determined by the Secretary; and
19	(C) the remainder of the amounts received
20	only for providing assistance to individuals or
21	families experiencing homelessness, or for per-
22	sons or families at risk of homelessness who
23	have incomes not exceeding 80 percent of the
24	median income for the area as determined by

the Secretary, but such recipient may establish

1	a higher percentage limit for purposes of sub-
2	section (b)(1), which shall not in any case ex-
3	ceed 120 percent of the area median income, if
4	the recipient states that it will serve such popu-
5	lation in its plan; and
6	(2) in determining the income of a household
7	for homelessness prevention assistance—
8	(A) the calculation of income performed at
9	the time of application for such assistance, in-
10	cluding arrearages, shall consider only income
11	that the household is currently receiving at such
12	time and any income recently terminated shall
13	not be included;
14	(B) any calculation of income performed
15	with respect to households receiving ongoing as-
16	sistance (such as medium-term rental assist-
17	ance) 3 months after initial receipt of assist-
18	ance shall consider only the income that the
19	household is receiving at the time of such re-
20	view; and
21	(C) the calculation of income performed
22	with respect to households receiving assistance
23	for arrearages shall consider only the income
24	that the household was receiving at the time

such arrearages were incurred.

1	(d) 3-Year Availability.—
2	(1) In general.—Each recipient of amounts
3	made available pursuant to subsection (a) shall—
4	(A) expend not less than 60 percent of
5	such grant amounts within 2 years of the date
6	that such funds became available to the recipi-
7	ent for obligation; and
8	(B) expend 100 percent of such grant
9	amounts within 3 years of such date.
10	(2) REALLOCATION AFTER 2 YEARS.—The Sec-
11	retary may recapture any amounts not expended in
12	compliance with paragraph (1)(A) and reallocate
13	such amounts to recipients in compliance with the
14	formula referred to in subsection $(h)(1)(A)$.
15	(e) Rent Restrictions.—
16	(1) Inapplicability.—Section 576.106(d) of
17	title 24, Code of Federal Regulations, shall not
18	apply with respect to homelessness prevention assist-
19	ance made available with amounts made available
20	under subsection (a).
21	(2) Amount of rental assistance.—In pro-
22	viding homelessness prevention assistance with
23	amounts made available under subsection (a), the
24	maximum amount of rental assistance that may be

provided shall be the greater of—

1	(A) 120 percent of the higher of—
2	(i) the Fair Market Rent established
3	by the Secretary for the metropolitan area
4	or county; or
5	(ii) the applicable Small Area Fair
6	Market Rent established by the Secretary;
7	or
8	(B) such higher amount as the Secretary
9	shall determine is needed to cover market rents
10	in the area.
11	(f) Subleases.—A recipient shall not be prohibited
12	from providing assistance authorized under subsection (a)
13	with respect to subleases that are valid under State law.
14	(g) Housing Relocation or Stabilization Ac-
15	TIVITIES.—A recipient of amounts made available pursu-
16	ant to subsection (a) may expend up to 25 percent of its
17	allocation for activities under section 415(a)(5) of the
18	McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
19	11374(a)(5)), except that notwithstanding such section,
20	activities authorized under this subsection may be pro-
21	vided only for individuals or families who have incomes
22	not exceeding 50 percent of the area median income and
23	meet the criteria in subsection (b)(2) of this section or
24	section 103 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance
25	Act (42 U.S.C. 11302). This subsection shall not apply

1	to rent-related costs that are specifically authorized under
2	subsection (a) of this section.
3	(h) Allocation of Assistance.—
4	(1) In general.—In allocating amounts made
5	available pursuant to subsection (a), the Secretary
6	shall—
7	(A)(i) for any purpose authorized in this
8	section—
9	(I) allocate 2 percent of such amount
10	for Indian tribes and tribally designated
11	housing entities (as such terms are defined
12	in section 4 of the Native American House
13	ing Assistance and Self-Determination Act
14	of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103)) under the for-
15	mula established pursuant to section 302
16	of such Act (25 U.S.C. 4152), except that
17	0.3 percent of the amount allocated under
18	this clause shall be allocated for the De-
19	partment of Hawaiian Home Lands; and
20	(II) allocate 0.3 percent of such
21	amount for the Virgin Islands, Guam
22	American Samoa, and the Northern Mar-
23	iana Islands;
24	(ii) not later than 30 days after the date
25	of enactment of this Act obligate and disburse

the amounts allocated pursuant to clause (i) in accordance with such allocations and provide such recipient with any necessary guidance for use of the funds; and

- (B)(i) not later than 7 days after the date of enactment of this Act and after setting aside amounts under subparagraph (A), allocate 50 percent of any such remaining amounts under the formula specified in subsections (a), (b), and (e) of section 414 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11373) for, and notify, each State, metropolitan city, and urban county that is to receive a direct grant of such amounts; and
- (ii) not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, obligate and disburse the amounts allocated pursuant to clause (i) in accordance with such allocations and provide such recipient with any necessary guidance for use of the funds; and
- (C)(i) not later than 45 days after the date of enactment of this Act, allocate any remaining amounts for eligible recipients according to a formula to be developed by the Secretary that takes into consideration the formula referred to

in subparagraph (A) and the need for emergency rental assistance under this section, including the severe housing cost burden among extremely low- and very low-income renters and disruptions in housing and economic conditions, including unemployment; and

(ii) not later than 30 days after the date of the allocation of such amounts pursuant to clause (i), obligate and disburse such amounts in accordance with such allocations.

(2) Allocations to states.—

- (A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsection (a) of section 414 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11373(a)) and section 576.202(a) of title 24, Code of Federal Regulations, a State recipient of an allocation under this section may elect to use up to 100 percent of its allocation to carry out activities eligible under this section directly.
- (B) REQUIREMENT.—Any State recipient making an election described in subparagraph (A) shall serve households throughout the entire State, including households in rural communities and small towns.

- 1 (3) Election not to administer.—If a re-2 cipient other than a State elects not to receive funds 3 under this section, such funds shall be allocated to the State recipient in which the recipient is located.
- (4) Partnerships, subgrants, and con-6 TRACTS.—A recipient of a grant under this section 7 may distribute funds through partnerships, sub-8 grants, or contracts with an entity, such as a public 9 housing agency (as such term is defined in section 10 3(b) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42) U.S.C. 1437a(b)), that is capable of carrying activi-12 ties under this section.
- 13 (5) REVISION TO RULE.—The Secretary shall 14 revise section 576.3 of tile 24, Code of Federal Reg-15 ulations, to change the set aside for allocation to the 16 territories to exactly 0.3 percent.
- 17 INAPPLICABILITY OF MATCHING REQUIRE-
- MENT.—Subsection (a) of section 416 of the McKinney-18
- Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11375(a)) 19
- 20 shall not apply to any amounts made available pursuant
- 21 to subsection (a) of this section.
- (j) Reimbursement of Eligible Activities.— 22
- Amounts made available pursuant to subsection (a) may
- be used by a recipient to reimburse expenditures incurred

- 1 for eligible activities under this section after March 27, 2 2020.
- 3 (k) Prohibition on Prerequisites.—None of the
- 4 funds made available pursuant to this section may be used
- 5 to require any individual receiving assistance under the
- 6 program under this section to receive treatment or per-
- 7 form any other prerequisite activities as a condition for
- 8 receiving shelter, housing, or other services.
- 9 (1) Waivers and Alternative Requirements.—
- (1) In General.—

(A) AUTHORITY.—In administering the amounts made available pursuant to subsection (a), the Secretary may waive, or specify alternative requirements for, any provision of any statute or regulation that the Secretary administers in connection with the obligation by the Secretary or the use by the recipient of such amounts (except for requirements related to fair housing, nondiscrimination, labor standards, prohibition on prerequisites, minimum data reporting, and the environment), if the Secretary finds that good cause exists for the waiver or alternative requirement and such waiver or alternative requirement is necessary to expedite the use of funds made available pursuant to

1	this section, to respond to public health orders
2	or conditions related to the COVID-19 emer-
3	gency, or to ensure that eligible individuals can
4	attain or maintain housing stability.
5	(B) Public Notice.—The Secretary shall
6	notify the public through the Federal Register
7	or other appropriate means of any waiver or al-
8	ternative requirement under this paragraph,
9	and that such public notice shall be provided, at
10	a minimum, on the internet at the appropriate
11	Government website or through other electronic
12	media, as determined by the Secretary.
13	(C) ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.—Eligi-
14	bility for rental assistance or housing relocation
15	and stabilization services shall not be restricted
16	based upon the prior receipt of assistance under
17	the program during the preceding three years.
18	(2) Public Hearings.—
19	(A) Inapplicability of in-person hear-
20	ING REQUIREMENTS DURING THE COVID-19
21	EMERGENCY.—
22	(i) In general.—A recipient under
23	this section shall not be required to hold
24	in-person public hearings in connection

with its citizen participation plan, but shall

provide citizens with notice, including publication of its plan for carrying out this section on the internet, and a reasonable opportunity to comment of not less than 5 days.

(ii) RESUMPTION IN-PERSON OFHEARING REQUIREMENTS.—After the period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act and ending on the date of the termination by the Federal Emergency Management Agency of the emergency declared on March 13, 2020, by the President under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42) U.S.C. 4121 et seq.) relating to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, and after the period described in subparagraph (B), the Secretary shall direct recipients under this section to resume pre-crisis public hearing requirements.

(B) VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARINGS.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—During the period that national or local health authorities recommend social distancing and limiting

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public gatherings for public health reasons, a recipient may fulfill applicable public hearing requirements for all grants from funds made available pursuant to this section by carrying out virtual public hearings.

- (ii) REQUIREMENTS.—Any virtual hearings held under clause (i) by a recipient under this section shall provide reasonable notification and access for citizens in accordance with the recipient's certifications, timely responses from local officials to all citizen questions and issues, and public access to all questions and responses.
- (m) Consultation.—In addition to any other citizen participation and consultation requirements, in devel-oping and implementing a plan to carry out this section, each recipient of funds made available pursuant to this section shall consult with the applicable Continuum or Continuums of Care for the area served by the recipient and organizations representing underserved communities and populations and organizations with expertise in affordable housing, fair housing, and services for people with disabilities.

1 (n) Administration.— 2 (1) By Secretary.—Of any amounts made available pursuant to subsection (a)— 3 4 (A) not more than the lesser of 0.5 percent, or \$15,000,000, may be used by the Sec-6 retary for staffing, training, technical assist-7 ance, technology, monitoring, research, and 8 evaluation activities necessary to carry out the 9 program carried out under this section, and 10 such amounts shall remain available until Sep-11 tember 30, 2024; and 12 (B) not more than \$2,000,000 shall be 13 available to the Office of the Inspector General 14 for audits and investigations of the program au-15 thorized under this section. 16 (2) By Recipients.—Notwithstanding section 17 576.108 of title 24 of the Code of Federal Regula-18 tions, with respect to amounts made available pursu-19 ant to this section, a recipient may use up to 10 per-20 cent of the recipient's grant for payment of adminis-21 trative costs related to the planning and execution of 22 activities. 23 SEC. 102. HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE FUND.

(a) Definitions.—In this section:

1	(1) Fund.—The term "Fund" means the
2	Homeowner Assistance Fund established under sub-
3	section (b).
4	(2) Secretary.—The term "Secretary" means
5	the Secretary of the Treasury.
6	(3) STATE.—The term "State" means any
7	State of the United States, the District of Columbia,
8	any territory of the United States, Puerto Rico,
9	Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, and the
10	Northern Mariana Islands.
11	(b) Establishment of Fund.—There is estab-
12	lished at the Department of the Treasury a Homeowner
13	Assistance Fund to provide such funds as are made avail-
14	able under subsection (g) to State housing finance agen-
15	cies for the purpose of preventing homeowner mortgage
16	defaults, foreclosures, and displacements of individuals
17	and families experiencing financial hardship after January
18	21, 2020.
19	(c) Allocation of Funds.—
20	(1) Administration.—Of any amounts made
21	available for the Fund, the Secretary of the Treas-
22	ury may allocate, in the aggregate, an amount not
23	exceeding 5 percent—
24	(A) to the Office of Financial Stability es-
25	tablished under section 101(a) of the Emer-

- gency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (12
 U.S.C. 5211(a)) to administer and oversee the
 Fund, and to provide technical assistance to
 States for the creation and implementation of
 State programs to administer assistance from
 the Fund; and
 - (B) to the Inspector General of the Department of the Treasury for oversight of the program under this section.
 - (2) For States.—The Secretary shall establish such criteria as are necessary to allocate the funds available within the Fund for each State. The Secretary shall allocate such funds among all States taking into consideration the number of unemployment claims within a State relative to the nationwide number of unemployment claims.
 - (3) SMALL STATE MINIMUM.—The amount allocated for each State shall not be less than \$250,000,000.
 - (4) Set-Aside for insular areas.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, of any amounts authorized to be appropriated pursuant to subsection (g), the Secretary shall reserve \$200,000,000 to be disbursed to Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, and the Northern Mar-

iana Islands based on each such territory's share of the combined total population of all such territories, as determined by the Secretary. For the purposes of this paragraph, population shall be determined based on the most recent year for which data are available from the United States Census Bureau.

(5) Set-aside for indian tribes and native hawaiians.—

- (A) Indian tribes.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, of any amounts authorized to be appropriated pursuant to subsection (g), the Secretary shall use 5 percent to make grants in accordance with subsection (f) to eligible recipients for the purposes described in subsection (e)(1).
- (B) Native Hawahans.— Of the funds set aside under subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall use 0.3 percent to make grants to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands in accordance with subsection (f) for the purposes described in subsection (e)(1).

(d) DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS.—

(1) ADMINISTRATION.—Except for amounts made available for assistance under subsection (f), State housing finance agencies shall be primarily re-

- sponsible for administering amounts disbursed from the Fund, but may delegate responsibilities and suballocate amounts to community development financial institutions and State agencies that administer Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program of the Department of Health and Human Services.
- (2) Notice of funding.—The Secretary shall provide public notice of the amounts that will be made available to each State and the method used for determining such amounts not later than the expiration of the 14-day period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act of enactment.

(3) SHFA PLANS.—

(A) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive funding allocated for a State under the section, a State housing finance agency for the State shall submit to the Secretary a plan for the implementation of State programs to administer, in part or in full, the amount of funding the state is eligible to receive, which shall provide for the commencement of receipt of applications by homeowners for assistance, and funding of such applications, not later than the expiration of the 6-month period beginning upon the approval under this paragraph of such plan.

- 21 1 (B) Multiple Plans.—. A State housing 2 finance agency may submit multiple plans, each 3 covering a separate portion of funding for 4 which the State is eligible. (C) TIMING.—The Secretary shall approve 6 or disapprove a plan within 30 days after the 7 plan's submission and, if disapproved, explain 8 why the plan could not be approved. 9 (D) DISBURSEMENT UPON APPROVAL.— 10 The Secretary shall disburse to a State housing 11 finance agency the appropriate amount of fund-12 ing upon approval of the agency's plan. 13 (E) AMENDMENTS.—A State housing fi-14 nance agency may subsequently amend a plan 15 that has previously been approved, provided 16 that any plan amendment shall be subject to 17 the approval of the Secretary. The Secretary 18 shall approve any plan amendment or dis-19 approve such amendment explain why the plan 20 amendment could not be approved within 45 21 days after submission to the Secretary of such
 - (F) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary shall provide technical assistance for any

amendment.

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State housing finance agency that twice fails to have a submitted plan approved.

(4) PLAN TEMPLATES.—The Secretary shall, not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, publish templates that States may utilize in drafting the plans required under paragraph (3)(A). The template plans shall include standard program terms and requirements, as well as any required legal language, which State housing finance agencies may modify with the consent of the Secretary.

(e) Permissible Uses of Fund.—

- (1) IN GENERAL.—Funds made available to State housing finance agencies pursuant to this section may be used for the purposes established under subsection (b), which may include—
 - (A) mortgage payment assistance, including financial assistance to allow a borrower to reinstate their mortgage or to achieve a more affordable mortgage payment, which may include principal reduction or rate reduction, provided that any mortgage payment assistance is tailored to a borrower's needs and their ability to repay, and takes into consideration the loss mitigation options available to the borrower;

1	(B) assistance with payment of taxes, haz-
2	ard insurance, flood insurance, mortgage insur-
3	ance, or homeowners' association fees;
4	(C) utility payment assistance, including
5	electric, gas, water, and internet service, includ-
6	ing broadband internet access service (as such
7	term is defined in section 8.1(b) of title 47,
8	Code of Federal Regulations (or any successor
9	regulation));
10	(D) reimbursement of funds expended by a
11	State or local government during the period be-
12	ginning on January 21, 2020, and ending on
13	the date that the first funds are disbursed by
14	the State under the Fund, for the purpose of
15	providing housing or utility assistance to indi-
16	viduals or otherwise providing funds to prevent
17	foreclosure or eviction of a homeowner or pre-
18	vent mortgage delinquency or loss of housing or
19	critical utilities as a response to the coronavirus
20	disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic; and
21	(E) any other assistance for homeowners
22	to prevent eviction, mortgage delinquency or de-
23	fault, foreclosure, or the loss of essential utility
24	services.

(2) Targeting.—

- (A) Requirement.—Not less than 60 percent of amounts made available for each State or other entity allocated amounts under subsection (c) shall be used for activities under paragraph (1) that assist homeowners having incomes equal to or less than 80 percent of the area median income.
 - (B) Determination of income.— In determining the income of a household for purposes of this paragraph, income shall be considered to include only income that the household is receiving at the time of application for assistance from the Fund and any income recently terminated shall not be included, except that for purposes of households receiving assistance for arrearages income shall include only the income that the household was receiving at the time such arrearages were incurred.
 - (C) Language assistance.—Each State housing finance agency or other entity allocated amounts under subsection (c) shall make available to each applicant for assistance from amounts from the Fund language assistance in any language that such language assistance is available in and shall provide notice to each

1	such applicant that such language assistance is
2	available.
3	(3) Administrative expenses.—Not more
4	than 15 percent of the amount allocated to a State
5	pursuant to subsection (c) may be used by a State
6	housing financing agency for administrative ex-
7	penses. Any amounts allocated to administrative ex-
8	penses that are no longer necessary for administra-
9	tive expenses may be used in accordance with para-
10	graph (1).
11	(f) Tribal and Native Hawaiian Assistance.—
12	(1) Definitions.—In this subsection:
13	(A) DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME
14	LANDS.—The term "Department of Hawaiian
15	Home Lands" has the meaning given the term
16	in section 801 of the Native American Housing
17	Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996
18	(42 U.S.C. 4221).
19	(B) ELIGIBLE RECIPIENT.—The term "eli-
20	gible recipient" means any entity eligible to re-
21	ceive a grant under section 101 of the Native
22	American Housing Assistance and Self-Deter-
23	mination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4111).
24	(2) Requirements.—

- 1 (A) Allocation.—Except for the funds 2 set aside under subsection (c)(5)(B), the Sec-3 retary shall allocate the funds set aside under 4 subsection (c)(5)(A) using the allocation for-5 mula described in subpart D of part 1000 of 6 title 24, Code of Federal Regulations (or any 7 successor regulations).
 - (B) Native Hawahans.—The Secretary shall use the funds made available under subsection (c)(5)(B) in accordance with part 1006 of title 24, Code of Federal Regulations (or successor regulations).
- 13 (3) Transfer.—The Secretary shall transfer 14 any funds made available under subsection (c)(5) 15 that have not been allocated by an eligible recipient 16 or the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, as ap-17 plicable, to provide the assistance described in sub-18 section (e)(1) by December 31, 2030, to the Sec-19 retary of Housing and Urban Development to carry 20 out the Native American Housing Assistance and 21 Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4101 et 22 seq.).
- 23 (g) Funding.—There is authorized to be appro-24 priated to the Homeowner Assistance Fund established 25 under subsection (b) \$75,000,000,000, to remain available

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- 1 until expended or transferred or credited under subsection
- 2 (i).
- 3 (h) Use of Housing Finance Agency Innovation
- 4 Fund for the Hardest Hit Housing Markets
- 5 Funds.—A State housing finance agency may reallocate
- 6 any administrative or programmatic funds it has received
- 7 as an allocation from the Housing Finance Agency Inno-
- 8 vation Fund for the Hardest Hit Housing Markets created
- 9 pursuant to section 101(a) of the Emergency Economic
- 10 Stabilization Act of 2008 (12 U.S.C. 5211(a)) that have
- 11 not been otherwise allocated or disbursed as of the date
- 12 of enactment of this Act to supplement any administrative
- 13 or programmatic funds received from the Housing Assist-
- 14 ance Fund. Such reallocated funds shall not be considered
- 15 when allocating resources from the Housing Assistance
- 16 Fund using the process established under subsection (c)
- 17 and shall remain available for the uses permitted and
- 18 under the terms and conditions established by the contract
- 19 with Secretary created pursuant to subsection (d)(1) and
- 20 the terms of subsection (i).
- 21 (i) Reporting Requirements.—The Secretary
- 22 shall provide public reports not less frequently than quar-
- 23 terly regarding the use of funds provided by the Home-
- 24 owner Assistance Fund. Such reports shall include the fol-
- 25 lowing data by State and by program within each State,

1	both for the past quarter and throughout the life of the
2	program—
3	(1) the amount of funds allocated;
4	(2) the amount of funds disbursed;
5	(3) the number of households and individuals
6	assisted;
7	(4) the acceptance rate of applicants;
8	(5) the type or types of assistance provided to
9	each household;
10	(6) whether the household assisted had a feder-
11	ally backed loan and identification of the Federal en-
12	tity backing such loan;
13	(7) the average amount of funding provided per
14	household receiving assistance and per type of as-
15	sistance provided;
16	(8) the average number of monthly payments
17	that were covered by the funding amount that a
18	household received, as applicable, disaggregated by
19	type of assistance provided;
20	(9) the income level of each household receiving
21	assistance; and
22	(10) the outcome 12 months after the house-
23	hold has received assistance.
24	Each report under this subsection shall disaggregate the
25	information provided under paragraphs (3) through (10)

1	by State, zip code, racial and ethnic composition of the
2	household, and whether or not the person from the house-
3	hold applying for assistance speaks English as a second
4	language.
5	SEC. 103. PROTECTING RENTERS AND HOMEOWNERS FROM
6	EVICTIONS AND FORECLOSURES.
7	(a) EVICTION MORATORIUM.—The CARES Act is
8	amended by striking section 4024 (15 U.S.C. 9058; Public
9	Law 116–136; 134 Stat. 492) and inserting the following
10	new section:
11	"SEC. 4024. TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON EVICTION FIL-
12	INGS.
13	"(a) Congressional Findings.—The Congress
14	finds that—
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- renters spent more than 50 percent of their incomes on housing in the same year;
- 3 "(4) according to data from the Department of 4 Labor, more than 30 million people have filed for 5 unemployment since the COVID-19 pandemic began;
- 6 "(5) the impacts of the spread of COVID-19,
 7 which is now considered a global pandemic, are ex8 pected to negatively impact the incomes of poten9 tially millions of renter households, making it dif10 ficult for them to pay their rent on time; and
 - "(6) evictions in the current environment would increase homelessness and housing instability which would be counterproductive towards the public health goals of keeping individuals in their homes to the greatest extent possible.
- "(b) MORATORIUM.—During the period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act and ending 12 months after such date of enactment, the lessor of a covered dwelling located in such State may not make, or cause to be made, any filing with the court of jurisdiction to initiate a legal action to recover possession of the cov-
- ered dwelling from the tenant for nonpayment of rent or other fees or charges.
- 24 "(c) Definitions.—For purposes of this section, the
- 25 following definitions shall apply:

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1	"(1) COVERED DWELLING.—The term 'covered
2	dwelling' means a dwelling that is occupied by a ten-
3	ant—
4	"(A) pursuant to a residential lease; or
5	"(B) without a lease or with a lease ter-
6	minable at will under State law.
7	"(2) Dwelling.—The term 'dwelling' has the
8	meaning given such term in section 802 of the Fair
9	Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3602) and includes houses
10	and dwellings described in section 803(b) of such
11	Act (42 U.S.C. 3603(b)).
12	"(d) Notice To Vacate After Moratorium Expi-
13	RATION DATE.—After the expiration of the period de-
14	scribed in subsection (b), the lessor of a covered dwelling
15	may not require the tenant to vacate the covered dwelling
16	by reason of nonpayment of rent or other fees or charges
17	before the expiration of the 30-day period that begins
18	upon the provision by the lessor to the tenant, after the
19	expiration of the period described in subsection (b), of a
20	notice to vacate the covered dwelling.".
21	(b) Mortgage Relief.—
22	(1) Forbearance and foreclosure mora-
23	TORIUM FOR COVERED MORTGAGE LOANS.—Section
24	4022 of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9056) is
25	amended_

1	(A) by striking "Federally backed mort-
2	gage loan" each place such term appears and
3	inserting "covered mortgage loan"; and
4	(B) in subsection (a)—
5	(i) by amending paragraph (2) to read
6	as follows:
7	"(2) COVERED MORTGAGE LOAN.—The term
8	'covered mortgage loan' means any credit trans-
9	action that is secured by a mortgage, deed of trust,
10	or other equivalent consensual security interest on a
11	1- to 4-unit dwelling or on residential real property
12	that includes a 1- to 4-unit dwelling, except that it
13	shall not include a credit transaction under an open
14	end credit plan other than a reverse mortgage."; and
15	(ii) by adding at the end the fol-
16	lowing:
17	"(3) COVERED PERIOD.—With respect to a
18	loan, the term 'covered period' means the period be-
19	ginning on the date of enactment of this Act and
20	ending 12 months after such date of enactment.".
21	(2) Automatic forbearance for delin-
22	QUENT BORROWERS.—Section 4022(c) of the
23	CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9056(c)), as amended by
24	paragraph (5) of this subsection, is further amended
25	by adding at the end the following:

1	"(9) Automatic forbearance for delin-
2	QUENT BORROWERS.—
3	"(A) In General.—Notwithstanding any
4	other law governing forbearance relief—
5	"(i) any borrower whose covered mort-
6	gage loan became 60 days delinquent be-
7	tween March 13, 2020, and the date of en-
8	actment of this paragraph, and who has
9	not already received a forbearance under
10	subsection (b), shall automatically be
11	granted a 60-day forbearance that begins
12	on the date of enactment of this para-
13	graph, provided that a borrower shall not
14	be considered delinquent for purposes of
15	this paragraph while making timely pay-
16	ments or otherwise performing under a
17	trial modification or other loss mitigation
18	agreement; and
19	"(ii) any borrower whose covered
20	mortgage loan becomes 60 days delinquent
21	between the date of enactment of this
22	paragraph and the end of the covered pe-
23	riod, and who has not already received a
24	forbearance under subsection (b), shall
25	automatically be granted a 60-day forbear-

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ance that begins on the 60th day of delinquency, provided that a borrower shall not be considered delinquent for purposes of this paragraph while making timely payments or otherwise performing under a trial modification or other loss mitigation agreement.

"(B) Initial extension.—An automatic forbearance provided under subparagraph (A) shall be extended for up to an additional 120 days upon the borrower's request, oral or written, submitted to the borrower's servicer affirming that the borrower is experiencing a financial hardship that prevents the borrower from making timely payments on the covered mortgage loan due, directly or indirectly, to the COVID—19 emergency.

"(C) Subsequent extension.—A forbearance extended under subparagraph (B) shall be extended for up to an additional 180 days, up to a maximum of 360 days (including the period of automatic forbearance), upon the borrower's request, oral or written, submitted to the borrower's servicer affirming that the borrower is experiencing a financial hardship that

1	prevents the borrower from making timely pay-
2	ments on the covered mortgage loan due, di-
3	rectly or indirectly, to the COVID-19 emer-
4	gency.
5	"(D) RIGHT TO ELECT TO CONTINUE MAKE
6	ING PAYMENTS.—With respect to a forbearance
7	provided under this paragraph, the borrower of
8	such loan may elect to continue making regular
9	payments on the loan. A borrower who makes
10	such election shall be offered a loss mitigation
11	option pursuant to subsection (d) within 30
12	days of resuming regular payments to address
13	any payment deficiency during the forbearance
14	"(E) RIGHT TO SHORTEN FORBEAR
15	ANCE.—At a borrower's request, any period of
16	forbearance provided under this paragraph may
17	be shortened. A borrower who makes such a re-
18	quest shall be offered a loss mitigation option
19	pursuant to subsection (d) within 30 days of re-
20	suming regular payments to address any pay-
21	ment deficiency during the forbearance.
22	"(10) Automatic forbearance for certain
23	REVERSE MORTGAGE LOANS.—
24	"(A) IN GENERAL.—When any covered
25	mortgage loan which is also a federally-insured

1	reverse mortgage loan, during the covered pe-
2	riod, is due and payable due to the death of the
3	last borrower or end of a deferral period or eli-
4	gible to be called due and payable due to a
5	property charge default, or if the borrower de-
6	faults on a property charge repayment plan, or
7	if the borrower defaults for failure to complete
8	property repairs, or if an obligation of the bor-
9	rower under the Security Instrument is not per-
10	formed, the mortgagee automatically shall be
11	granted a six-month extension of—
12	"(i) the mortgagee's deadline to re-
13	quest due and payable status from the De-
14	partment of Housing and Urban Develop-
15	ment;
16	"(ii) the mortgage's deadline to send
17	notification to the mortgagor or his or her
18	heirs that the loan is due and payable;
19	"(iii) the deadline to initiate fore-
20	closure;
21	"(iv) any reasonable diligence period
22	related to foreclosure or the Mortgagee Op-
23	tional Election;
24	"(v) if applicable, the deadline to ob-
25	tain the due and payable appraisal; and

1	"(vi) any claim submission deadline,
2	including the 6-month acquired property
3	marketing period.
4	"(B) FORBEARANCE PERIOD.—The mort-
5	gagee shall not request due and payable status
6	from the Secretary of Housing and Urban De-
7	velopment nor initiate foreclosure during this
8	six-month period described under subparagraph
9	(A), which shall be considered a forbearance pe-
10	riod.
11	"(C) Extension.—A forbearance provided
12	under subparagraph (B) and related deadline
13	extension authorized under subparagraph (A)
14	shall be extended for an additional 180 days
15	upon—
16	"(i) the borrower's request, oral or
17	written, submitted to the borrower's
18	servicer affirming that the borrower is ex-
19	periencing a financial hardship that pre-
20	vents the borrower from making payments
21	on property charges, completing property
22	repairs, or performing an obligation of the
23	borrower under the Security Instrument
24	due, directly or indirectly, to the COVID-
25	19 emergency;

a non-borrowing spouse's re-1 "(ii) 2 quest, oral or written, submitted to the servicer affirming that the non-borrowing 3 spouse has been unable to satisfy all criteria for the Mortgagee Optional Election 6 program due, directly or indirectly, to the 7 COVID-19 emergency, or to perform all actions necessary to become an eligible 8 9 non-borrowing spouse following the death 10 of all borrowers; or

"(iii) a successor-in-interest of the borrower's request, oral or written, submitted to the servicer affirming the heir's difficulty satisfying the reverse mortgage loan due, directly or indirectly, to the COVID-19 emergency.

"(D) CURTAILMENT OF DEBENTURE IN-TEREST.—Where any covered mortgage loan which is also a federally insured reverse mortgage loan is in default during the covered period and subject to a prior event which provides for curtailment of debenture interest in connection with a claim for insurance benefits, the curtailment of debenture interest shall be sus-

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1	pended during any forbearance period provided
2	herein.".
3	(3) Additional foreclosure and reposses-
4	SION PROTECTIONS.—Section 4022(c) of the
5	CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9056(c)) is amended—
6	(A) in paragraph (2), by striking "may not
7	initiate any judicial or non-judicial foreclosure
8	process, move for a foreclosure judgment or
9	order of sale, or execute a foreclosure-related
10	eviction or foreclosure sale for not less than the
11	60-day period beginning on March 18, 2020'
12	and inserting "may not initiate or proceed with
13	any judicial or non-judicial foreclosure process
14	schedule a foreclosure sale, move for a fore-
15	closure judgment or order of sale, execute ϵ
16	foreclosure related eviction or foreclosure sale
17	for six months after the date of enactment of
18	the Emergency Housing Protections and Relief
19	Act of 2020"; and
20	(B) by adding at the end the following:
21	"(3) Repossession moratorium.—In the case
22	of personal property, including any recreational or
23	motor vehicle, used as a dwelling, no person may use

any judicial or non-judicial procedure to repossess or

1	otherwise take possession of such property for six
2	months after date of enactment of this paragraph.".
3	(4) Mortgage forbearance reforms.—Sec-
4	tion 4022 of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9056) is
5	amended—
6	(A) in subsection (b), by striking para-
7	graphs (1), (2), and (3) and inserting the fol-
8	lowing:
9	"(1) In general.—During the covered period,
10	a borrower with a covered mortgage loan who has
11	not obtained automatic forbearance pursuant to this
12	section and who is experiencing a financial hardship
13	that prevents the borrower from making timely pay-
14	ments on the covered mortgage loan due, directly or
15	indirectly, to the COVID-19 emergency may request
16	forbearance on the loan, regardless of delinquency
17	status, by—
18	"(A) submitting a request, orally or in
19	writing, to the servicer of the loan; and
20	"(B) affirming that the borrower is experi-
21	encing a financial hardship that prevents the
22	borrower from making timely payments on the
23	covered mortgage loan due, directly or indi-
24	rectly, to the COVID-19 emergency.
25	"(2) Duration of Forbearance.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—Upon a request by a borrower to a servicer for forbearance under paragraph (1), such forbearance shall be grant-ed by the servicer for the period requested by the borrower, up to an initial length of 180 days, the length of which shall be extended by the servicer, at the request of the borrower for the period or periods requested, for a total for-bearance period of up to 12-months.

"(B) MINIMUM FORBEARANCE AMOUNTS.—For purposes of granting a forbearance under this paragraph, a servicer may grant an initial forbearance with a term of not less than 90 days, provided that it is automatically extended for an additional 90 days unless the servicer confirms the borrower does not want to renew the forbearance or that the borrower is no longer experiencing a financial hardship that prevents the borrower from making timely mortgage payments due, directly or indirectly, to the COVID-19 emergency.

"(C) RIGHT TO SHORTEN FORBEAR-ANCE.—At a borrower's request, any period of forbearance described under this paragraph may be shortened. A borrower who makes such

a request shall be offered a loss mitigation option pursuant to subsection (d) within 30 days of resuming regular payments to address any payment deficiency during the forbearance.

> "(3) Accrual of interest or fees.—A servicer shall not charge a borrower any fees, penalties, or interest (beyond the amounts scheduled or calculated as if the borrower made all contractual payments on time and in full under the terms of the mortgage contract) in connection with a forbearance, provided that a servicer may offer the borrower a modification option at the end of a forbearance period granted hereunder that includes the capitalization of past due principal and interest and escrow payments as long as the borrower's principal and interest payment under such modification remains at or below the contractual principal and interest payments owed under the terms of the mortgage contract before such forbearance period except as the result of a change in the index of an adjustable rate mortgage.

> "(4) COMMUNICATION WITH SERVICERS.—Any communication between a borrower and a servicer described under this section may be made in writing or orally, at the borrower's choice.

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- "(5) Communication with Borrowers with A DISABILITY.—Upon request from a borrower, servicers shall communicate with borrowers who have a disability in the borrower's preferred method of communication. For purposes of this paragraph, the term 'disability' has the meaning given that term in the Fair Housing Act, the Americans with Dis-abilities Act of 1990, or the Rehabilitation Act of 1973."; and
- 10 (B) in subsection (c), by amending para-11 graph (1) to read as follows:
 - "(1) No documentation require any documentation with respect to a forbearance under this section other than the borrower's affirmation (oral or written) to a financial hardship that prevents the borrower from making timely payments on the covered mortgage loan due, directly or indirectly, to the COVID–19 emergency. An oral request for forbearance and oral affirmation of hardship by the borrower shall be sufficient for the borrower to obtain or extend a forbearance.".
 - (5) OTHER SERVICER REQUIREMENTS DURING FORBEARANCE.—Section 4022(c) of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9056(c)), as amended by paragraph (3)

1	of this subsection, is further amended by adding at
2	the end the following:
3	"(4) Forbearance terms notice.—Within
4	30 days of a servicer of a covered mortgage loan
5	providing forbearance to a borrower under sub-
6	section (b) or paragraph (9) or (10), or 10 days if
7	the forbearance is for a term of less than 60 days,
8	but only where the forbearance was provided in re-
9	sponse to a borrower's request for forbearance or
10	when an automatic forbearance was initially pro-
11	vided under paragraph (9) or (10), and not when an
12	existing forbearance is automatically extended, the
13	servicer shall provide the borrower with a notice in
14	accordance with the terms in paragraph (5).
15	"(5) Contents of Notice.—The written no-
16	tice required under paragraph (4) shall state in
17	plain language—
18	"(A) the specific terms of the forbearance;
19	"(B) the beginning and ending dates of the
20	forbearance;
21	"(C) that the borrower is eligible for up to
22	12 months of forbearance;
23	"(D) that the borrower may request an ex-
24	tension of the forbearance unless the borrower

1	will have reached the maximum period at the
2	end of the forbearance;
3	"(E) that the borrower may request that
4	the initial or extended period be shortened at
5	any time;
6	"(F) that the borrower should contact the
7	servicer before the end of the forbearance pe-
8	riod;
9	"(G) a description of the loss mitigation
10	options that may be available to the borrower at
11	the end of the forbearance period based on the
12	borrower's specific loan;
13	"(H) information on how to find a housing
14	counseling agency approved by the Department
15	of Housing and Urban Development;
16	"(I) in the case of a forbearance provided
17	pursuant to paragraph (9) or (10), that the for-
18	bearance was automatically provided and how
19	to contact the servicer to make arrangements
20	for further assistance, including any renewal;
21	and
22	"(J) where applicable, that the forbearance
23	is subject to an automatic extension including
24	the terms of any such automatic extensions and

when any further extension would require a borrower request.

- "(6) TREATMENT OF ESCROW ACCOUNTS.— During any forbearance provided under this section, a servicer shall pay or advance funds to make disbursements in a timely manner from any escrow account established on the covered mortgage loan.
- "(7) Notification for Borrowers.—During the period that begins 90 days after the date of the enactment of this paragraph and ends at the end of the covered period, each servicer of a covered mortgage loan shall be required to—
 - "(A) make available in a clear and conspicuous manner on their webpage accurate information, in English and Spanish, for borrowers regarding the availability of forbearance as provided under subsection (b); and
 - "(B) notify every borrower whose payments on a covered mortgage loan are delinquent in any oral communication with or to the borrower that the borrower may be eligible to request forbearance as provided under subsection (b), except that such notice shall not be required if the borrower already has requested forbearance under subsection (b).

"(8) Certain treatment under respa.—As long as a borrower's payment on a covered mortgage loan was not more than 30 days delinquent on March 13, 2020, a servicer may not deem the bor-rower as delinquent while a forbearance granted under subsection (b) is in effect for purposes of the application of sections 6 and 10 of the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act and any applicable regu-lations.".

(6) Post-forbearance loss mitigation.—

(A) AMENDMENT TO CARES ACT.—Section 4022 of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9056) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(d) Post-Forbearance Loss Mitigation.—

"(1) Notice of availability of additional forbearance which forbearance under this section has been granted and not otherwise extended, including by automatic extension, a servicer shall, no later than 30 days before the end of the forbearance period, in writing, notify the borrower that additional forbearance may be available and how to request such forbearance, except that no such notice is required where the borrower already has requested an extension of the forbearance period, is subject to

1	automatic extension pursuant to subsection
2	(b)(2)(B), or no additional forbearance is available.
3	"(2) Loss mitigation offer before expira-
4	TION OF FORBEARANCE.—No later than 30 days be-
5	fore the end of any forbearance period that has not
6	been extended or 30 days after a request by a con-
7	sumer to terminate the forbearance, which time shall
8	be before the servicer initiates or engages in any
9	foreclosure activity listed in subsection $(c)(2)$, in-
10	cluding incurring or charging to a borrower any fees
11	or corporate advances related to a foreclosure, the
12	servicer shall, in writing—
13	"(A) offer the borrower a loss mitigation
14	option, without the charging of any fees or pen-
15	alties other than interest, such that the bor-
16	rower's principal and interest payment remains
17	the same as it was prior to the forbearance,
18	subject to any adjustment of the index pursuant
19	to the terms of an adjustable rate mortgage,
20	and that either—
21	"(i) defers the payment of total ar-
22	rearages, including any escrow advances,
23	to the end of the existing term of the loan,
24	without the charging or collection of any

1	additional interest on the deferred
2	amounts; or
3	"(ii) extends the term of the mortgage
4	loan, and capitalizes, defers, or forgives all
5	escrow advances and other arrearages;
6	provided, however, that the servicer may offer
7	the borrower a loss mitigation option that re-
8	duces the principal and interest payment on the
9	loan and capitalizes, defers, or forgives all es-
10	crow advances or arrearages if the servicer has
11	information indicating that the borrower cannot
12	resume the pre-forbearance mortgage payments;
13	and
14	"(B) concurrent with the loss mitigation
15	offer in subparagraph (A), notify the borrower
16	that the borrower has the right to be evaluated
17	for other loss mitigation options if the borrower
18	is not able to make the payment under the op-
19	tion offered in subparagraph (A).
20	"(3) Evaluation for loss mitigation prior
21	TO FORECLOSURE INITIATION.—Before a servicer
22	may initiate or engage in any foreclosure activity
23	listed in subsection $(c)(2)$, including incurring or
24	charging to a borrower any fees or corporate ad-
25	vances related to a foreclosure on the basis that the

1	borrower has failed to perform under the loss miti-
2	gation offer in paragraph (2)(A) within the first 90
3	days after the option is offered, including a failure
4	to accept the loss mitigation offer in paragraph
5	(2)(A), the servicer shall—
6	"(A) unless the borrower has already sub-
7	mitted a complete application that the servicer
8	is reviewing—
9	"(i) notify the borrower in writing of
10	the documents and information, if any,
11	needed by the servicer to enable the
12	servicer to consider the borrower for all
13	available loss mitigation options;
14	"(ii) exercise reasonable diligence to
15	obtain the documents and information
16	needed to complete the borrower's loss
17	mitigation application;
18	"(B) upon receipt of a complete applica-
19	tion or if, despite the servicer's exercise of rea-
20	sonable diligence, the loss mitigation application
21	remains incomplete sixty days after the notice
22	in paragraph (2)(A) is sent, conduct an evalua-
23	tion of the complete or incomplete loss mitiga-
24	tion application without reference to whether
25	the borrower has previously submitted a com-

1 plete loss mitigation application and offer the 2 borrower all available loss mitigation options for 3 which the borrower qualifies under applicable 4 investor guidelines, including guidelines regard-5 ing required documentation. 6 "(4) Effect on future requests for loss 7 MITIGATION REVIEW.—An application, offer, or eval-8 uation for loss mitigation under this section shall 9 not be the basis for the denial of a borrower's appli-10 cation as duplicative or for a reduction in the bor-11 rower's appeal rights under Regulation X (12 CFR 12 1024) in regard to any loss mitigation application submitted after the servicer has complied with the 13 14 requirements of paragraphs (2) and (3). 15 "(5) Safe Harbor.—Any loss mitigation op-16 tion authorized by the Federal National Mortgage 17 Association, the Federal Home Loan Corporation, or 18 the Federal Housing Administration that either— 19 "(A) defers the payment of total arrear-20 ages, including any escrow advances, to the end 21 of the existing term of the loan, without the 22 charging or collection of any additional interest 23 on the deferred amounts, or

"(B) extends the term of the mortgage

loan, and capitalizes, defers, or forgives all es-

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1	crow advances and other arrearages, without
2	the charging of any fees or penalties beyond in-
3	terest on any amount capitalized into the loan
4	principal,
5	shall be deemed to comply with the requirements of
6	paragraph (1)(B).
7	"(6) Home retention options for certain
8	REVERSE MORTGAGE LOANS.—
9	"(A) In general.—For a covered mort-
10	gage loan which is also a federally-insured re-
11	verse mortgage loan, a servicer's conduct shall
12	be deemed to comply with this section provided
13	that if the loan is eligible to be called due and
14	payable due to a property charge default, the
15	mortgagee shall, as a precondition to sending a
16	due and payable request to the Secretary or ini-
17	tiating or continuing a foreclosure process—
18	"(i) make a good faith effort to com-
19	municate with the borrower regarding
20	available home retention options to cure
21	the property charge default, including en-
22	couraging the borrower to apply for home
23	retention options; and

1	"(ii) consider the borrower for all
2	available home retention options as allowed
3	by the Secretary.
4	"(B) Permissible repayment plans.—
5	The Secretary shall amend its allowable home
6	retention options to permit a repayment plan of
7	up to 120 months in length, and to permit a re-
8	payment plan without regard to prior defaults
9	on repayment plans.
10	"(C) Limitation on interest curtail-
11	MENT.—The Secretary may not curtail interest
12	paid to mortgagees who engage in loss mitiga-
13	tion or home retention actions through interest
14	curtailment during such loss mitigation or home
15	retention review or during the period when a
16	loss mitigation or home retention plan is in ef-
17	fect and ending 90 days after any such plan
18	terminates.".
19	(B) Amendment to housing act of
20	1949.—Section 505 of the Housing Act of 1949
21	(42 U.S.C. 1475) is amended—
22	(i) by striking the section heading and
23	inserting "LOSS MITIGATION AND FORE-
24	CLOSURE PROCEDURES'':

1	(ii) in subsection (a), by striking the
2	section designation and all that follows
3	through "During any" and inserting the
4	following:
5	"Sec. 505. (a) Moratorium.—(1) In determining a
6	borrower's eligibility for relief, the Secretary shall make
7	all eligibility decisions based on the borrower's household's
8	income, expenses, and circumstances.
9	"(2) During any".
10	(iii) by redesignating subsection (b) as
11	subsection (c); and
12	(iv) by inserting after subsection (a)
13	the following new subsection:
14	"(b) Loan Modification.—(1) Notwithstanding
15	any other provision of this title, for any loan made under
16	section 502 or 504, the Secretary may modify the interest
17	rate and extend the term of such loan for up to 30 years
18	from the date of such modification.
19	"(2) At the end of any moratorium period granted
20	under this section or under the Emergency Housing Pro-
21	tections and Relief Act of 2020, the Secretary shall deter-
22	mine whether the borrower can reasonably resume making
23	principal and interest payments after the Secretary modi-
24	fies the borrower's loan obligations in accordance with
25	paragraph (1).".

1	(7) Multifamily mortgage forbearance.—
2	Section 4023 of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9057)
3	is amended—
4	(A) by striking "Federally backed multi-
5	family mortgage loan" each place such term ap-
6	pears and inserting "multifamily mortgage
7	loan'';
8	(B) in subsection (b), by striking "during"
9	and inserting "due, directly or indirectly, to";
10	(C) in subsection (c)(1)—
11	(i) in subparagraph (A), by adding
12	"and" at the end;
13	(ii) by striking subparagraphs (B) and
14	(C) and inserting the following:
15	"(B) provide the forbearance for up to the
16	end of the period described under section
17	4024(b)."; and
18	(D) by redesignating subsection (f) as sub-
19	section (g);
20	(E) by inserting after subsection (e) the
21	following:
22	"(f) Treatment After Forbearance.—With re-
23	spect to a multifamily mortgage loan provided a forbear-
24	ance under this section, the servicer of such loan—

1	"(1) shall provide the borrower with a 12-
2	month period beginning at the end of such forbear-
3	ance to become current on the payments under such
4	loan;
5	"(2) may not charge any late fees, penalties, or
6	other charges with respect to payments on the loan
7	that were due during the forbearance period, if such
8	payments are made before the end of the 12-month
9	period; and
10	"(3) may not report any adverse information to
11	a credit rating agency (as defined under section 603
12	of the Fair Credit Reporting Act with respect to any
13	payments on the loan that were due during the for-
14	bearance period, if such payments are made before
15	the end of the 12-month period.)."; and
16	(F) in subsection (g), as so redesignated—
17	(i) in paragraph (2)—
18	(I) by striking "that—" and all
19	that follows through "(A) is secured
20	by" and inserting "that is secured
21	by'';
22	(II) by striking "; and and in-
23	serting a period; and
24	(III) by striking subparagraph
25	(B); and

1	(ii) by amending paragraph (5) to
2	read as follows:
3	"(5) Covered Period.—With respect to a
4	loan, the term 'covered period' has the meaning
5	given that term under section 4022(a)(3).".
6	(8) Renter protections during forbear-
7	ANCE PERIOD.—A borrower that receives a forbear-
8	ance pursuant to section 4022 or 4023 of the
9	CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9056 or 9057) may not, for
10	the duration of the forbearance—
11	(A) evict or initiate the eviction of a tenant
12	solely for nonpayment of rent or other fees or
13	charges; or
14	(B) charge any late fees, penalties, or
15	other charges to a tenant for late payment of
16	rent.
17	(9) Extension of GSE patch.—
18	(A) Non-applicability of existing
19	SUNSET.—Section 1026.43(e)(4)(iii)(B) of title
20	12, Code of Federal Regulations, shall have no
21	force or effect.
22	(B) Extended sunset.—The special
23	rules in section 1026.43(e)(4) of title 12, Code
24	of Federal Regulations, shall apply to covered
25	transactions consummated prior to June 1,

2022, or such later date as the Director of the
 Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection may
 determine, by rule.

(10) Servicer safe harbor from investor liability.—

(A) Safe Harbor.—

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(i) In general.—A servicer of covered mortgage loans or multifamily mortgage loans shall be deemed not to have violated any duty or contractual obligation owed to investors or other parties regarding such mortgage loans on account of offering or implementing in good faith forbearance during the covered period or offering or implementing in good faith postforbearance loss mitigation (including after the expiration of the covered period) in accordance with the terms of sections 4022 and 4023 of the CARES Act to borrowers, respectively, on covered or multifamily mortgage loans that it services and shall not be liable to any party who is owed such a duty or obligation or subject to any injunction, stay, or other equitable relief to such party on account of such offer or implementation of forbearance or post-forbearance loss mitigation.

> (ii) Other Persons.—Any person, including a trustee of a securitization vehicle other party involved securitization or other investment vehicle, in good faith cooperates with a servicer of covered or multifamily mortgage loans held by that securitization or investment vehicle to comply with the terms of section 4022 and 4023 of the CARES Act, respectively, to borrowers on covered or multifamily mortgage loans owned by the securitization or other investment vehicle shall not be liable to any party who is owed such a duty or obligation or subject to any injunction, stay, or other equitable relief to such party on account of its cooperation with an offer or implementation of forbearance during the covered period or post-forbearance loss mitigation, including after the expiration of the covered period.

(B) STANDARD INDUSTRY PRACTICE.— During the covered period, notwithstanding any contractual restrictions, it is deemed to be

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1	standard industry practice for a servicer to
2	offer forbearance or loss mitigation options in
3	accordance with the terms of sections 4022 and
4	4023 of the CARES Act to borrowers, respec-
5	tively, on all covered or multifamily mortgage
6	loans it services.
7	(C) Rule of Construction.—Nothing in
8	this paragraph may be construed as affecting
9	the liability of a servicer or other person for ac-
10	tual fraud in the servicing of a mortgage loan
11	or for the violation of a State or Federal law.
12	(D) Definitions.—In this paragraph:
13	(i) COVERED MORTGAGE LOAN.—The
14	term "covered mortgage loan" has the
15	meaning given that term under section
16	4022(a) of the CARES Act.
17	(ii) COVERED PERIOD.—The term
18	"covered period" has the meaning given
19	that term under section 4023(g) of the
20	CARES Act.
21	(iii) Multifamily mortgage
22	LOAN.—The term "multifamily mortgage
23	loan" has the meaning given that term
24	under section 4023(a) of the CARES Act

1	(iv) Servicer.—The term
2	"servicer"—
3	(I) has the meaning given the
4	term under section 6(i) of the Real
5	Estate Settlement Procedures Act of
6	1974 (12 U.S.C. 2605(i)); and
7	(II) means a master servicer and
8	a subservicer, as such terms are de-
9	fined, respectively, under section
10	1024.31 of title 12, Code of Federal
11	Regulations.
12	(v) SECURITIZATION VEHICLE.—The
13	term "securitization vehicle" has the
14	meaning give that term under section
15	129A(f) of the Truth in Lending Act (15
16	U.S.C. 1639a(f)).
17	(c) Bankruptcy Protections.—
18	(1) Bankruptcy protections for federal
19	CORONAVIRUS RELIEF PAYMENTS.—Section 541(b)
20	of title 11, United States Code, is amended—
21	(A) in paragraph (9), in the matter fol-
22	lowing subparagraph (B), by striking "or";
23	(B) in paragraph (10)(C), by striking the
24	period at the end and inserting "; or"; and

1	(C) by inserting after paragraph (10) the
2	following:
3	"(11) payments made under Federal law relat-
4	ing to the national emergency declared by the Presi-
5	dent under the National Emergencies Act (50
6	U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) with respect to the coronavirus
7	disease 2019 (COVID-19).".
8	(2) Protection against discriminatory
9	TREATMENT OF HOMEOWNERS IN BANKRUPTCY.—
10	Section 525 of title 11, United States Code, is
11	amended by adding at the end the following:
12	"(d) A person may not be denied any forbearance,
13	assistance, or loan modification relief made available to
14	borrowers by a mortgage creditor or servicer because the
15	person is or has been a debtor, or has received a discharge,
16	in a case under this title.".
17	(3) Increasing the homestead exemp-
18	TION.—Section 522 of title 11, United States Code,
19	is amended—
20	(A) in subsection $(d)(1)$, by striking
21	"\$15,000" and inserting "\$100,000"; and
22	(B) by adding at the end the following:
23	"(r) Notwithstanding any other provision of applica-
24	ble nonbankruptcy law, a debtor in any State may exempt
25	from property of the estate the property described in sub-

- 1 section (d)(1) not to exceed the value in subsection (d)(1)
- 2 if the exemption for such property permitted by applicable
- 3 nonbankruptcy law is lower than that amount.".
- 4 (4) Effect of missed mortgage payments
- 5 ON DISCHARGE.—Section 1328 of title 11, United
- 6 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
- 7 following:
- 8 "(i) A debtor shall not be denied a discharge under
- 9 this section because, as of the date of discharge, the debtor
- 10 did not make 6 or fewer payments directly to the holder
- 11 of a debt secured by real property.
- 12 "(j) Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b), upon
- 13 the debtor's request, the court shall grant a discharge of
- 14 all debts provided for in the plan that are dischargeable
- 15 under subsection (a) if the debtor—
- 16 "(1) has made payments under a confirmed
- plan for at least 1 year; and
- 18 "(2) is experiencing or has experienced a mate-
- rial financial hardship due, directly or indirectly, to
- the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pan-
- demic.".
- 22 (5) Expanded eligibility for chapter
- 23 13.—Section 109(e) of title 11, United States Code,
- is amended—

1	(A) by striking "\$250,000" each place the
2	term appears and inserting "\$850,000"; and
3	(B) by striking "\$750,000" each place the
4	term appears and inserting "\$2,600,000".
5	(6) Extended cure period for home-
6	OWNERS HARMED BY COVID-19 PANDEMIC.—
7	(A) In general.—Chapter 13 of title 11,
8	United States Code, is amended by adding at
9	the end thereof the following:
10	"§ 1331. Special provisions related to COVID-19 pan-
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12	"(a) Notwithstanding subsections (b)(2) and (d) of
13	section 1322, if the debtor is experiencing or has experi-
14	enced a material financial hardship due, directly or indi-
15	rectly, to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pan-
16	demic, a plan may provide for the curing of any default
17	within a reasonable time, not to exceed 7 years after the
18	time that the first payment under the original confirmed
19	plan was due, and maintenance of payments while the case
20	is pending on any unsecured claim or secured claim on
21	which the last payment is due after the expiration of such
22	time. Any such plan provision shall not affect the applica-
23	ble commitment period under section 1325(b).
24	"(b) For purposes of sections 1328(a) and 1328(b),

- 1 that are made after the end of the period during which
- 2 the plan provides for payments (other than payments
- 3 under subsection (a)) shall not be treated as payments
- 4 under the plan.
- 5 "(c) Notwithstanding section 1329(c), a plan modi-
- 6 fied under section 1329 at the debtor's request may pro-
- 7 vide for cure or maintenance payments under subsection
- 8 (a) over a period that is not longer than 7 years after
- 9 the time that the first payment under the original con-
- 10 firmed plan was due.
- 11 "(d) Notwithstanding section 362(c)(2), during the
- 12 period after the debtor receives a discharge and the period
- 13 during which the plan provides for the cure of any default
- 14 and maintenance of payments under the plan, section
- 15 362(a) shall apply to the holder of a claim for which a
- 16 default is cured and payments are maintained under sub-
- 17 section (a) and to any property securing such claim.
- 18 "(e) Notwithstanding section 1301(a)(2), the stay of
- 19 section 1301(a) terminates upon the granting of a dis-
- 20 charge under section 1328 with respect to all creditors
- 21 other than the holder of a claim for which a default is
- 22 cured and payments are maintained under subsection
- 23 (a).".
- 24 (B) Table of contents.—The table of
- sections of chapter 13, title 11, United States

1	Code, is amended by adding at the end thereof
2	the following:
	"Sec. 1331. Special provisions related to COVID-19 Pandemic.".
3	(C) APPLICATION.—The amendments
4	made by this paragraph shall apply only to any
5	case under title 11, United States Code, com-
6	menced before 3 years after the date of enact-
7	ment of this Act and pending on or commenced
8	after such date of enactment, in which a plan
9	under chapter 13 of title 11, United States
10	Code, was not confirmed before March 27,
11	2020.
12	SEC. 104. LIQUIDITY FOR MORTGAGE SERVICERS AND RESI-
13	DENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS.
13 14	tal In General.—Section 4003 of the CARES Act
14	(a) In General.—Section 4003 of the CARES Act
14 15	(a) In General.—Section 4003 of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9042), is amended by adding at the end the
14 15 16	(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4003 of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9042), is amended by adding at the end the following:
14 15 16 17	(a) In General.—Section 4003 of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9042), is amended by adding at the end the following: "(i) Liquidity for Mortgage Servicers.—
14 15 16 17 18	(a) In General.—Section 4003 of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9042), is amended by adding at the end the following: "(i) Liquidity for Mortgage Servicers.— "(1) In General.—Subject to paragraph (2),
14 15 16 17 18	 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4003 of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9042), is amended by adding at the end the following: "(i) LIQUIDITY FOR MORTGAGE SERVICERS.— "(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), the Secretary shall ensure that servicers of covered
14 15 16 17 18 19 20	(a) In General.—Section 4003 of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9042), is amended by adding at the end the following: "(i) Liquidity for Mortgage Servicers.— "(1) In General.—Subject to paragraph (2), the Secretary shall ensure that servicers of covered mortgage loans (as defined under section 4022) and
14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	(a) In General.—Section 4003 of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9042), is amended by adding at the end the following: "(i) Liquidity for Mortgage Servicers.— "(1) In General.—Subject to paragraph (2), the Secretary shall ensure that servicers of covered mortgage loans (as defined under section 4022) and multifamily mortgage loans (as defined under sec-
14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	(a) In General.—Section 4003 of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9042), is amended by adding at the end the following: "(i) Liquidity for Mortgage Servicers.— "(1) In General.—Subject to paragraph (2), the Secretary shall ensure that servicers of covered mortgage loans (as defined under section 4022) and multifamily mortgage loans (as defined under section 4023) are provided the opportunity to partici-

- with access to such opportunities under equitable terms and conditions regardless of their size.
 - "(2) Mortgage servicer eligibility.—In order to receive assistance under subsection (b)(4), a mortgage servicer shall—
 - "(A) demonstrate that the mortgage servicer has established policies and procedures to use such funds only to replace funds used for borrower assistance, including to advance funds as a result of forbearance or other loss mitigation provided to borrowers;
 - "(B) demonstrate that the mortgage servicer has established policies and procedures to provide forbearance, post-forbearance loss mitigation, and other assistance to borrowers in compliance with the terms of section 4022 or 4023, as applicable;
 - "(C) demonstrate that the mortgage servicer has established policies and procedures to ensure that forbearance and post-forbearance assistance is available to all borrowers in a non-discriminatory fashion and in compliance with the Fair Housing Act, the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, and other applicable fair housing and fair lending laws; and

1	"(D) comply with the limitations on com-
2	pensation set forth in section 4004.
3	"(3) Mortgage servicer requirements.—A
4	mortgage servicer receiving assistance under sub-
5	section (b)(4) may not, while the servicer is under
6	any obligation to repay funds provided or guaran-
7	teed under this section—
8	"(A) pay dividends with respect to the
9	common stock of the mortgage servicer or pur-
10	chase an equity security of the mortgage
11	servicer or any parent company of the mortgage
12	servicer if the security is listed on a national se-
13	curities exchange, except to the extent required
14	under a contractual obligation that is in effect
15	on the date of enactment of this subsection; or
16	"(B) prepay any debt obligation.".
17	(b) Credit Facility for Residential Rental
18	Property Owners.—
19	(1) IN GENERAL.—The Board of Governors of
20	the Federal Reserve System shall—
21	(A) establish a facility, using amounts
22	made available under section $4003(b)(4)$ of the
23	CARES Act $(15 \text{ U.S.C. } 9042(b)(4))$, to make
24	long-term, low-cost loans to residential rental
25	property owners as to temporarily compensate

1	such owners for documented financial losses
2	caused by reductions in rent payments; and
3	(B) defer such owners' required payments
4	on such loans until after six months after the
5	date of enactment of this Act.
6	(2) Requirements.—A borrower that receives
7	a loan under this subsection may not, for the dura-
8	tion of the loan—
9	(A) evict or initiate the eviction of a tenant
10	solely for nonpayment of rent or other fees or
11	charges;
12	(B) charge any late fees, penalties, or
13	other charges to a tenant for late payment of
14	rent; and
15	(C) with respect to a person or entity de-
16	scribed under paragraph (4), discriminate on
17	the basis of source of income.
18	(3) Report on residential rental prop-
19	ERTY OWNERS.—The Board of Governors shall issue
20	a report to the Congress containing the following,
21	with respect to each property owner receiving a loan
22	under this subsection:
23	(A) The number of borrowers that received
24	assistance under this subsection.

1	(B) The average total loan amount that
2	each borrower received.
3	(C) The total number of rental units that
4	each borrower owned.
5	(D) The average rent charged by each bor-
6	rower.
7	(4) Report on large residential rental
8	PROPERTY OWNERS.—The Board of Governors shall
9	issue a report to Congress that identifies any person
10	or entity that in aggregate owns or holds a control-
11	ling interest in any entity that, in aggregate, owns—
12	(A) more than 100 rental units that are lo-
13	cated within in a single Metropolitan Statistical
14	Area;
15	(B) more than 1,000 rental units nation-
16	wide; or
17	(C) rental units in three or more States.
18	(c) Amendments to National Housing Act.—
19	Section 306(g)(1) of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C.
20	1721(a)) is amended—
21	(1) in the fifth sentence, by inserting after
22	"issued" the following: ", subject to any pledge or
23	grant of security interest of the Federal Reserve
24	under section 4003(a) of the CARES Act (Public
25	Law 116–136; 134 Stat. 470; 15 U.S.C. 9042(a))

1	and to any such mortgage or mortgages or any in-
2	terest therein and the proceeds thereon, which the
3	Association may elect to approve"; and
4	(2) in the sixth sentence—
5	(A) by striking "or (C)" and inserting
6	"(C)"; and
7	(B) by inserting before the period the fol-
8	lowing: ", or (D) its approval and honoring of
9	any pledge or grant of security interest of the
10	Federal Reserve under section 4003(a) of the
11	CARES Act and to any such mortgage or mort-
12	gages or any interest therein and proceeds
13	thereon as".
14	SEC. 105. RURAL RENTAL ASSISTANCE.
15	There is authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year
16	2020 \$309,000,000 for rural rental assistance, which shall
17	remain available until September 30, 2021, of which—
18	(1) up to \$25,000,000 may be used for an addi-
19	tional amount for rural housing vouchers for any
20	low-income households (including those not receiving
21	rental assistance) residing in a property financed
22	with a section 515 loan which has been prepaid after
23	September 30, 2005, or has matured after Sep-
24	tember 30 2019, and

1 (2) the remainder shall be used for an addi-2 tional amount for rural rental assistance agreements 3 entered into or renewed pursuant to section 4 521(a)(2) of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 5 1490a(a)(2)) to— 6 (A) supplement the rental assistance of 7 households on whose behalf assistance is being 8 provided; and 9 (B) provide rental assistance on behalf of 10 households who are not being assisted with such 11 rental assistance but who qualify for such as-12 sistance. 13 SEC. 106. FUNDING FOR PUBLIC HOUSING AND TENANT-14 BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE. 15 (a) Public Housing Operating Fund.—There is authorized to be appropriated for an additional amount 16 for fiscal year 2020 for the Public Housing Operating 18 Fund under section 9(e) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437g(e)) \$2,000,000,000, to remain 19 available until September 30, 2021. 20 21 (b) Tenant-Based Section 8 Rental Assist-ANCE.—There is authorized to be appropriated for an ad-23 ditional amount for fiscal year 2020 for the tenant-based rental assistance under section 8(o) of the United States (42)U.S.C. Housing Act of 1937 1437f(0)

- 1 \$3,000,000,000, to remain available until September 30,
- 2 2021, of which not more than \$500,000,000 may be used
- 3 for administrative fees under section 8(q) of such Act (42)
- 4 U.S.C. 1437f(q)).
- 5 (c) APPLICABILITY OF WAIVERS.—Any waiver or al-
- 6 ternative requirement made by the Secretary of Housing
- 7 and Urban Development pursuant to the heading "Ten-
- 8 ant-Based Rental Assistance" or "Public Housing Oper-
- 9 ating Fund" in title XII of division B of the CARES Act
- 10 (Public Law 116–136) shall apply with respect to amounts
- 11 made available pursuant to this section.
- 12 SEC. 107. SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FOR SUPPORTIVE
- 13 HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY, SUPPORTIVE
- 14 HOUSING FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES,
- 15 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR PERSONS WITH
- 16 AIDS, AND PROJECT-BASED SECTION 8 RENT-
- 17 AL ASSISTANCE.
- 18 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
- 19 authorized to be appropriated \$500,000,000 for fiscal year
- 20 2020 for additional assistance for supportive housing for
- 21 the elderly, of which—
- 22 (1) \$200,000,000 shall be for rental assistance
- under section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959 (12
- U.S.C. 1701q) or section 8 of the United States
- 25 Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f), as appro-

- 1 priate, and for hiring additional staff and for serv-
- 2 ices and costs, including acquiring personal protec-
- 3 tive equipment, to prevent, prepare for, or respond
- 4 to the public health emergency relating to
- 5 Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic;
- 6 and
- 7 (2) \$300,000,000 shall be for grants under sec-
- 8 tion 676 of the Housing and Community Develop-
- 9 ment Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 13632) for costs of
- providing service coordinators for purposes of coordi-
- 11 nating services to prevent, prepare for, or respond to
- the public health emergency relating to Coronavirus
- 13 Disease 2019 (COVID-19).
- 14 Any provisions of, and waivers and alternative require-
- 15 ments issued by the Secretary pursuant to, the heading
- 16 "Department of Housing and Urban Development—Hous-
- 17 ing Programs—Housing for the Elderly" in title XII of
- 18 division B of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136) shall
- 19 apply with respect to amounts made available pursuant
- 20 to this subsection.
- 21 (b) Eligibility of Supportive Housing for Per-
- 22 Sons With Disabilities.—Subsection (a) of section 676
- 23 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992
- 24 (42 U.S.C. 13632(a)) shall be applied, for purposes of

1 subsection (a) of this section, by substituting "(G), and 2 (H)" for "and (G)".

3 (c) Service Coordinators.—

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- HIRING.—In the hiring of staff using amounts made available pursuant to this section for costs of providing service coordinators, grantees shall consider and hire, at all levels of employment and to the greatest extent possible, a diverse staff, including by race, ethnicity, gender, and disability status. Each grantee shall submit a report to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development describing compliance with the preceding sentence not later than the expiration of the 120-day period that begins upon the termination of the emergency declared on March 13, 2020, by the President under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 4121 et seq.) relating to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.
 - (2) One-time grants.—Grants made using amounts made available pursuant to subsection (a) for costs of providing service coordinators shall not be renewable.
- 24 (3) ONE-YEAR AVAILABILITY.—Any amounts 25 made available pursuant to this section for costs of

- 1 providing service coordinators that are allocated for
- 2 a grantee and remain unexpended upon the expira-
- 3 tion of the 12-month period beginning upon such al-
- 4 location shall be recaptured by the Secretary.
- 5 (d) Funding for Supportive Housing for Per-
- 6 SONS WITH DISABILITIES.—There is authorized to be ap-
- 7 propriated \$200,000,000 for fiscal year 2020 for addi-
- 8 tional assistance for supportive housing for persons with
- 9 disabilities under section 811 of the Cranston-Gonzalez
- 10 National Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 8013). Any
- 11 provisions of, and waivers and alternative requirements
- 12 issued by the Secretary pursuant to, the heading "Depart-
- 13 ment of Housing and Urban Development—Housing Pro-
- 14 grams—Housing for Persons With Disabilities" in title
- 15 XII of division B of the CARES Act (Public Law 116-
- 16 136) shall apply with respect to amounts made available
- 17 pursuant to this subsection.
- 18 (e) Funding for Housing Opportunities for
- 19 PEOPLE WITH AIDS PROGRAM.—There is authorized to
- 20 be appropriated \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2020 for addi-
- 21 tional assistance for the Housing Opportunities for Per-
- 22 sons with AIDS program under the AIDS Housing Oppor-
- 23 tunity Act (42 U.S.C. 12901 et seq.). Any provisions of,
- 24 and waivers and alternative requirements issued by the
- 25 Secretary pursuant to, the heading "Department of Hous-

- 1 ing and Urban Development—Community Planning and
- 2 Development—Housing Opportunities for Persons With
- 3 AIDS" in title XII of division B of the CARES Act (Pub-
- 4 lic Law 116–136) shall apply with respect to amounts
- 5 made available pursuant to this subsection.
- 6 (f) Funding for Project-Based Section 8
- 7 Rental Assistance.—There is authorized to be appro-
- 8 priated \$750,000,000 for fiscal year 2020 for additional
- 9 assistance for project-based rental assistance under sec-
- 10 tion 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42
- 11 U.S.C. 1437f). Any provisions of, and waivers and alter-
- 12 native requirements issued by the Secretary pursuant to,
- 13 the heading "Department of Housing and Urban Develop-
- 14 ment—Housing Programs—Project-Based Rental Assist-
- 15 ance" in title XII of division B of the CARES Act (Public
- 16 Law 116–136) shall apply with respect to amounts made
- 17 available pursuant to this subsection.
- 18 SEC. 108. FAIR HOUSING.
- 19 (a) Definition of COVID-19 Emergency Pe-
- 20 RIOD.— For purposes of this Act, the term "COVID-19
- 21 emergency period" means the period that begins upon the
- 22 date of the enactment of this Act and ends upon the date
- 23 of the termination by the Federal Emergency Manage-
- 24 ment Agency of the emergency declared on March 13,
- 25 2020, by the President under the Robert T. Stafford Dis-

- 1 aster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
- 2 4121 et seq.) relating to the Coronavirus Disease 2019
- 3 (COVID-19) pandemic.
- 4 (b) Fair Housing Activities.—
- (1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To 6 ensure existing grantees have sufficient resource for 7 fair housing activities and for technology and equip-8 ment needs to deliver services through use of the 9 Internet or other electronic or virtual means in re-10 sponse to the public health emergency related to the 11 Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, 12 there is authorized to be appropriated \$4,000,000 13 for Fair Housing Organization Initiative grants 14 through the Fair Housing Initiatives Program under 15 section 561 of the Housing and Community Devel-16 opment Act of 1987 (42 U.S.C. 3616a).
 - (2) 3-YEAR AVAILABILITY.—Any amounts made available pursuant paragraph (1) that are allocated for a grantee and remain unexpended upon the expiration of the 3-year period beginning upon such allocation shall be recaptured by the Secretary.
- 22 (c) Fair Housing Education.—There is authorized
- 23 to be appropriated \$10,000,000 for the Office of Fair
- 24 Housing and Equal Opportunity of the Department of
- 25 Housing and Urban Development to carry out a national

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media campaign and local education and outreach to edu-
cate the public of increased housing rights during
COVID-19 emergency period, that provides that informa-
tion and materials used in such campaign are available—
(1) in the languages used by communities with
limited English proficiency; and
(2) to persons with disabilities.
SEC. 109. FUNDING FOR HOUSING COUNSELING SERVICES
(a) Congressional Findings.—The Congress finds
that—
(1) the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019
(COVID-19), which is now considered a global pan-
demic, is expected to negatively impact the incomes
of potentially millions of homeowners, renters, indi-
viduals experiencing homelessness, and individuals at
risk of homelessness, making it difficult for them to
pay their mortgages or rents on time;
(2) housing counseling is critical to ensuring
that homeowners, renters, individuals experiencing
homelessness, and individuals at risk of homeless-
ness have the resources they need to manage finan-
cial hardships from the COVID-19 crisis;
(3) loan preservation and foreclosure mitigation
services are also critical to address the needs of

homeowners who lose employment and income be-

- cause of the pandemic and who face serious delinquency or home loan default, or are in foreclosing
- 3 proceedings during this period;
- 4 (4) evaluations from the National Foreclosure 5 Mitigation Counseling program revealed that home-6 owners at risk of or facing foreclosure are better 7 served when they have access to a housing counselor 8 and a range of tools and resources to help them 9 avoid losing their home and have the support they 10 need to tailor the best possible response to their sit-
- 12 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is 13 authorized to be appropriated to the Neighborhood Rein-
- 14 vestment Corporation (in this section referred to as the
- 15 "Corporation") established under the Neighborhood Rein-
- 16 vestment Corporation Act (42 U.S.C. 8101 et seq.)
- 17 \$100,000,000 for fiscal year 2020 for housing counseling
- 18 services, which shall remain available until September 30,
- 19 2023.

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- 20 (c) Prioritization of Housing Counseling
- 21 Services.—Of any grant funds made available pursuant
- 22 to subsection (b), not less than 40 percent shall be pro-
- 23 vided to counseling organizations that target counseling
- 24 services to minority and low-income homeowners, renters,
- 25 individuals experiencing homelessness, and individuals at

- 1 risk of homelessness or provide such services in neighbor-
- 2 hoods with high concentrations of minority and low-in-
- 3 come homeowners, renters, individuals experiencing home-
- 4 lessness, and individuals at risk of homelessness.
- 5 (d) Eligible Uses.—Amounts made available pur-
- 6 suant to subsection (b) may be used in such amounts as
- 7 the Corporation determines for costs of—
- 8 (1) public education and outreach;
- 9 (2) direct services, including the full range of 10 services provided by housing counselors to assist 11 homeowners, including manufactured homeowners, 12 regardless of financing type, renters, individuals ex-13 periencing homelessness, and individuals at risk of
- homelessness, including the practices, tools, and in-
- novations in foreclosure mitigation that were utilized
- in the National Foreclosure Mitigation Counseling
- 17 Program, and financial capability, credit counseling,
- homeless counseling, and rental counseling;
- 19 (3) equipment and technology, including
- 20 broadband internet and equipment upgrades needed
- 21 to ensure timely and effective service delivery;
- 22 (4) training, including capacitating housing
- counseling staff in various modes of counseling, in-
- 24 cluding rental and foreclosure, delivery of remote
- counseling utilizing improved technology, enhanced

1	network security, and supportive options for the de-
2	livery of client services; and
3	(5) administration and oversight of the program
4	in accordance with the Corporation's rate for pro-
5	gram administration.
6	(e) DISBURSEMENT.—The Corporation shall disburse
7	all grant funds made available pursuant to subsection (b)
8	as expeditiously as possible, through grants to housing
9	counseling intermediaries approved by the Department of
10	Housing and Urban Development, State housing finance
11	agencies, and NeighborWorks organizations. The aggre-
12	gate amount provided to NeighborWorks organizations
13	shall not exceed 15 percent of the total of grant funds
14	made available pursuant to subsection (b).
15	TITLE II—PROTECTING PEOPLE
16	EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS
17	SEC. 201. HOMELESS ASSISTANCE FUNDING.
18	(a) Emergency Homeless Assistance.—
19	(1) Authorization of appropriations.—
20	There is authorized to be appropriated under the
21	Emergency Solutions Grants program under subtitle
22	B of title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless As-
23	sistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11371 et seq.)
24	\$11,500,000,000 for grants under such subtitle in
25	accordance with this subsection to respond to needs

- arising from the public health emergency relating to
 Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). Of such
 amounts made available, \$4,000,000,000 shall be allocated in accordance with sections 413 and 414 of
 the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42
 U.S.C. 11372, 11373).
 - (2) FORMULA.—Notwithstanding sections 413 and 414 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11372, 11373), the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (in this Act referred to as the "Secretary") shall allocate any amounts remaining after amounts are allocated pursuant to paragraph (1) in accordance with a formula to be established by the Secretary that takes into consideration the following factors:
 - (A) Risk of transmission of coronavirus in a jurisdiction.
 - (B) Whether a jurisdiction has a high number or rate of sheltered and unsheltered homeless individuals and families.
 - (C) Economic and housing market conditions in a jurisdiction.
 - (3) ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.—In addition to eligible activities under section 415(a) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.

11374(a), amounts made available pursuant to para-1 2 graph (1) may also be used for costs of the following activities: 3 (A) Providing training on infectious disease prevention and mitigation. 6 (B) Providing hazard pay, including for 7 time worked before the effectiveness of this sub-8 paragraph, for staff working directly to prevent 9 and mitigate the spread of coronavirus or 10 COVID-19 among people experiencing or at 11 risk of homelessness. 12 (C) Reimbursement of costs for eligible ac-13 tivities (including activities described in this 14 paragraph) relating to preventing, preparing 15 for, or responding to the coronavirus or COVID-19 that were accrued before the date of 16 17 the enactment of this Act. 18 (D) 24 CFR Notwithstanding 19 576.102(a)(3), providing a hotel or 20 voucher for a homeless individual or family. 21 Use of such amounts for activities described in this 22 paragraph shall not be considered use for adminis-23 trative purposes for purposes of section 418 of the 24 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance

U.S.C. 11377).

- (4)INAPPLICABILITY OF PROCUREMENT STANDARDS.—To the extent amounts made available pursuant to paragraph (1) are used to procure goods and services relating to activities to prevent, prepare for, or respond to the coronavirus or COVID-19, the standards and requirements regarding procurement that are otherwise applicable shall not apply.
 - (5) INAPPLICABILITY OF HABITABILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW STANDARDS.—Any Federal standards and requirements regarding habitability and environmental review shall not apply with respect to any emergency shelter that is assisted with amounts made available pursuant to paragraph (1) and has been determined by a State or local health official, in accordance with such requirements as the Secretary shall establish, to be necessary to prevent and mitigate the spread of coronavirus or COVID-19, such shelters.
 - (6) Inapplicability of Cap on Emergency shelter activities.—Subsection (b) of section 415 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act shall not apply to any amounts made available pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection.
- 24 (7) Initial allocation of assistance.—Sec-25 tion 417(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assist-

ance Act (42 U.S.C. 11376(b)) shall be applied with respect to amounts made available pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection by substituting "30day" for "60-day".

- (8) Waivers and alternative requirements.—
 - (A) AUTHORITY.—In administering amounts made available pursuant to paragraph (1), the Secretary may waive, or specify alternative requirements for, any provision of any statute or regulation (except for any requirements related to fair housing, nondiscrimination, labor standards, and the environment) that the Secretary administers in connection with the obligation or use by the recipient of such amounts, if the Secretary finds that good cause exists for the waiver or alternative requirement and such waiver or alternative requirement is consistent with the purposes described in this subsection.
 - (B) NOTIFICATION.—The Secretary shall notify the public through the Federal Register or other appropriate means 5 days before the effective date of any such waiver or alternative requirement, and any such public notice may be

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 Government web site or through other elec
 tronic media, as determined by the Secretary.
 - (C) Exemption.—The use of amounts made available pursuant to paragraph (1) shall not be subject to the consultation, citizen participation, or match requirements that otherwise apply to the Emergency Solutions Grants program, except that a recipient shall publish how it has and will utilize its allocation at a minimum on the Internet at the appropriate Government web site or through other electronic media.
 - (9) Inapplicability of matching require-Ment.—Subsection (a) of section 416 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11375(a)) shall not apply to any amounts made available pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection.
 - (10) Prohibition on prerequisites.—None of the funds authorized under this subsection may be used to require people experiencing homelessness to receive treatment or perform any other prerequisite activities as a condition for receiving shelter, housing, or other services.

1	(b) CONTINUUM OF CARE PROGRAM.—Due to the
2	emergency relating to the Coronavirus Disease 2019
3	(COVID-19) pandemic, the Notice of Funding Availability
4	(NOFA) for fiscal year 2020 for the Continuum of Care
5	program under subtitle C of title IV of the McKinney-
6	Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11381 et seq.)
7	shall have no force or effect and the Secretary of Housing
8	and Urban Development shall distribute amounts made
9	available for such fiscal year for such program based on
10	the results of the competition for amounts made available
11	for such program for fiscal year 2019 (FR $-6300-25$), ex-
12	cept that grant amounts may be adjusted to account for
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14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	PROGRAM. (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (in this section referred to as the "Secretary"), \$1,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2020, to remain available until expended, for incremental emergency vouchers under subsection (b).
14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	PROGRAM. (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (in this section referred to as the "Secretary"), \$1,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2020, to remain available until expended, for incremental emergency vouchers under subsection (b). (b) Emergency Vouchers.—

1	under section 8(0) the United States Housing Act of
2	1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)).
3	(2) Selection of families.—
4	(A) MANDATORY PREFERENCES.—Each
5	public housing agency administering assistance
6	under this section shall provide preference for
7	such assistance to eligible families that are—
8	(i) homeless (as such term is defined
9	in section 103(a) of the McKinney-Vento
10	Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
11	11302(a));
12	(ii) at risk of homelessness (as such
13	term is defined in section 401 of the
14	McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act
15	(42 U.S.C. 11360); or
16	(iii) fleeing, or attempting to flee, do-
17	mestic violence, dating violence, sexual as-
18	sault, or stalking.
19	(B) Allocation.—In allocating amounts
20	made available under this section, the Secretary
21	shall—
22	(i) not later than 60 days after the
23	date of the enactment of this Act, allocate
24	at least 50 percent of such amounts to

1	public housing agencies in accordance with
2	a formula that considers—
3	(I) the capability of public hous-
4	ing agencies to promptly use emer-
5	gency vouchers provided under this
6	section; and
7	(II) the need for emergency
8	vouchers provided under this section
9	in the geographical area, based on
10	factors determined by the Secretary,
11	including risk of transmission of
12	coronavirus, high numbers or rates of
13	sheltered and unsheltered homeless-
14	ness, and economic and housing mar-
15	ket conditions;
16	(ii) allocate remaining amounts in ac-
17	cordance with a formula that considers—
18	(I) the criteria under clause (i)
19	and the success of a public housing
20	agency in promptly utilizing vouchers
21	awarded under clause (i); and
22	(II) the capability of the public
23	housing agency to create and manage
24	structured partnerships with service

1	providers for the delivery of appro-
2	priate community-based services; and
3	(iii) designate the number of vouchers
4	under this section that each public housing
5	agency that is awarded funds under this
6	section is authorized to administer.
7	(C) Election not to administer.—If a
8	public housing agency elects not to administer
9	amounts under this section, the Secretary shall
10	award such amounts to other public housing
11	agencies according to the criteria in subpara-
12	graph (B).
13	(D) Failure to use vouchers prompt-
14	LY.—If a public housing agency fails to issue
15	all of its authorized vouchers under this section
16	on behalf of eligible families within a reasonable
17	period of time as determined by the Secretary,
18	the Secretary shall reallocate any unissued
19	vouchers and associated funds to others public
20	housing agencies according to the criteria under
21	subparagraph (B)(ii).
22	(3) Waivers and alternative require-
23	MENTS.—Any waiver or alternative requirement that
24	the Secretary makes available to all public housing

agencies in connection with assistance made avail-

1	able under the heading "Tenant-Based Rental As-
2	sistance" in title XII of division B of the CARES
3	Act (Public Law 116–136; 134 Stat.601) shall apply
4	to assistance under this section until the expiration
5	of such waiver or alternative requirement.
6	(4) Termination of vouchers upon turn-
7	OVER.—
8	(A) In general.—A public housing agen-
9	cy may not reissue any vouchers made available
10	under this section when assistance for the fam-
11	ily initially assisted is terminated.
12	(B) REALLOCATION.—Upon termination of
13	assistance for one or more families assisted by
14	a public housing agency under this section, the
15	Secretary shall reallocate amounts that are no
16	longer needed by such public housing agency
17	for assistance under this section to another
18	public housing agency for the renewal of vouch-
19	ers previously authorized under this section.
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	Attest: CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
	Clerk.