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To advance commonsense policy priorities.

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Mr. DESAULNIER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Education and the Workforce, Science, Space, and Technology, Natural Resources, Transportation and Infrastructure, Oversight and Accountability, Financial Services, Agriculture, House Administration, the Judiciary, Small Business, Homeland Security, Rules, Ethics, the Budget, Foreign Affairs, Intelligence (Permanent Select), Armed Services, and Appropriations, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To advance commonsense policy priorities.

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Breaking the Gridlock
5 Act”.

TITLE I

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**2 SEC. 101. FEDERAL TASK FORCE TO SUPPORT GRAND-
3 PARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN.**

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a Fed-
5 eral Task Force to Support Grandparents Raising Grand-
6 children (referred to in this section as the “Task Force”).

7 (b) OLDER RELATIVE CAREGIVER.—In this section,
8 the term “older relative caregiver” has the meaning given
9 the term under section 372(a)(3) of the National Family
10 Caregiver Support (42 U.S.C. 3030s(a)(3)).

11 (c) MEMBERSHIP.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Task Force shall be
13 composed of the following members, or their des-
14 ignee:

15 (A) The Secretary of Health and Human
16 Services.

17 (B) The Attorney General.

18 (C) The Administrator of the Administra-
19 tion for Community Living.

20 (D) The Director of the Centers for Dis-
21 ease Control and Prevention.

22 (E) The Assistant Secretary for Mental
23 Health and Substance Use.

24 (F) The Assistant Secretary for the Ad-
25 ministration for Children and Families.

1 (G) The Director of the Indian Health
2 Service.

3 (H) The Administrator of the Centers for
4 Medicare & Medicaid Services.

5 (I) The head of each Federal department,
6 agency, or other governmental entity identified
7 by the Secretary of Health and Human Services
8 as having responsibilities, or administering pro-
9 grams, relating to the current health, edu-
10 cational, nutritional, and other needs and cur-
11 rent issues affecting older relative caregivers,
12 including grandparents, raising children in their
13 care.

14 (J) A grandparent raising a grandchild or
15 grandchildren as well as another older relative
16 caregiver of children.

17 (2) LEAD AGENCY.—The Department of Health
18 and Human Services shall be the lead agency for the
19 Task Force.

20 (d) DUTIES.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—

22 (A) INFORMATION.—The Task Force shall
23 identify, coordinate, and disseminate informa-
24 tion publicly about Federal information, re-
25 sources, and best practices available, on the

1 date of the determination, to help older relative
2 caregivers, including grandparents, raising chil-
3 dren in their care, including those raising chil-
4 dren in their care as a result of the opioid cri-
5 sis, meet the health, educational, nutritional,
6 and other needs of the children in their care as
7 well as maintain their own physical and mental
8 health and emotional well-being.

9 (B) NATIVE AMERICANS.—In carrying out
10 the duties described in subparagraph (A), the
11 Task Force shall ensure that the needs of Na-
12 tive Americans (as defined in section 102 of the
13 Older Americans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C.
14 3002)) are considered.

15 (2) REPORT.—

16 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 360
17 days after the date of enactment of this Act,
18 the Task Force shall submit a report to the
19 Special Committee on Aging, the Committee on
20 Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, and
21 the Committee on Finance of the Senate and
22 the Committee on Education and the Work-
23 force, the Committee on Energy and Commerce,
24 and the Committee on Ways and Means of the
25 House of Representatives that includes—

1 (i) best practices, resources, and other
2 useful information for older relative care-
3 givers, including grandparents, raising chil-
4 dren in their care; and

5 (ii) an identification of the gaps in
6 needs of older relative caregivers, including
7 grandparents, raising children in their
8 care.

9 (B) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than 4
10 years after the date of enactment of this Act,
11 the Task Force shall submit a final report to
12 the Special Committee on Aging, the Committee
13 on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions,
14 and the Committee on Finance of the Senate
15 and the Committee on Education and the
16 Workforce, the Committee on Energy and Com-
17 merce, and the Committee on Ways and Means
18 of the House of Representatives that includes
19 the final findings of the Task Force, rec-
20 ommendations for future actions to address
21 issues faced by older relative caregivers, includ-
22 ing grandparents, raising children in their care,
23 and any other useful information.

24 (3) PROCESS FOR PUBLIC INPUT.—The Task
25 Force shall establish a process for public input to in-

1 form the identification of, and updates to, the best
2 practices, resources, and other useful information
3 and the gaps in needs described in paragraph (2),
4 including a process for the public to submit rec-
5 ommendations to the Task Force and an opportunity
6 for public comment.

7 (e) SUNSET.—The Task Force shall terminate on the
8 date that is 5 years after the date of enactment of this
9 Act.

10 (f) NONAPPLICABILITY OF FEDERAL ADVISORY COM-
11 MITTEE REQUIREMENTS.—The provisions of chapter 10
12 of part I of title 5, United States Code, shall not apply
13 to the Task Force.

14 (g) FUNDING.—No additional funds are authorized
15 to be appropriated to carry out this section. The Task
16 Force shall be carried out with funds otherwise appro-
17 priated.

18 **TITLE II**

19 **SEC. 201. MODIFICATION OF FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

20 (a) FINDINGS.—Section 2 of the Earthquake Haz-
21 ards Reduction Act of 1977 (42 U.S.C. 7701) is amend-
22 ed—

23 (1) in paragraph (1)—

24 (A) by inserting “, and the Commonwealth
25 of Puerto Rico,” after “States”;

1 (B) by inserting “Oregon,” after “New
2 York,”; and

3 (C) by inserting “Tennessee,” after “South
4 Carolina”;

5 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “prediction
6 techniques and”;

7 (3) by striking paragraph (4) and inserting the
8 following:

9 “(4) A well-funded seismological research pro-
10 gram could provide the scientific understanding
11 needed to fully implement an effective earthquake
12 early warning system.”;

13 (4) in paragraphs (6) and (7), by striking “life-
14 lines” each place it appears and inserting “lifeline
15 infrastructure”;

16 (5) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(12) The built environment has generally been
18 constructed and maintained to meet the needs of the
19 users under normal conditions. When earthquakes
20 occur, the built environment is generally designed to
21 prevent severe injuries or loss of human life and is
22 not expected to remain operational or able to recover
23 under any specified schedule.

24 “(13) The National Research Council published
25 a study on reducing hazards and risks associated

1 with earthquakes based on the goals and objectives
2 for achieving national earthquake resilience de-
3 scribed in the strategic plan entitled ‘Strategic Plan
4 for the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction
5 Program’. The study and an accompanying report
6 called for work in 18 tasks focused on research, pre-
7 paredness, and mitigation and annual funding of ap-
8 proximately \$300,000,000 per year for 20 years.”.

9 (b) PURPOSE.—Section 3 of such Act (42 U.S.C.
10 7702) is amended—

11 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), in
12 the first sentence, by inserting “and increase the re-
13 silience of communities” after “future earthquakes”;

14 (2) in paragraph (1), by inserting “to individ-
15 uals and the communities” after “an earthquake”;

16 (3) in paragraph (2), by striking “in time of
17 disaster” and inserting “to facilitate community-
18 wide post-earthquake recovery and in times of dis-
19 aster”;

20 (4) in paragraph (3), by striking “for predicting
21 damaging earthquakes and”;

22 (5) in paragraph (4), by inserting “and plan-
23 ning” after “model building”; and

1 (6) in paragraph (5), by striking “reconstruc-
2 tion” and inserting “re-occupancy, recovery, recon-
3 struction,”.

4 (c) DEFINITIONS.—

5 (1) LIFELINE INFRASTRUCTURE.—

6 (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 4(6) of such
7 Act (42 U.S.C. 7703(6)) is amended by striking
8 “lifelines” and inserting “lifeline infrastruc-
9 ture”.

10 (B) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Such Act
11 (42 U.S.C. 7701 et seq.) is amended by striking
12 “lifelines” each place it appears and inserting
13 “lifeline infrastructure”.

14 (2) COMMUNITY RESILIENCE.—Section 4 of
15 such Act (42 U.S.C. 7703) is amended by adding at
16 the end the following:

17 “(10) The term ‘community resilience’ means
18 the ability of a community to prepare and plan for,
19 absorb, recover from, and more successfully adapt to
20 adverse seismic events.”.

21 **SEC. 202. MODIFICATION OF NATIONAL EARTHQUAKE HAZ-**
22 **ARDS REDUCTION PROGRAM.**

23 (a) MODIFICATION OF PROGRAM ACTIVITIES.—Sub-
24 section (a)(2) of section 5 of the Earthquake Hazards Re-
25 duction Act of 1977 (42 U.S.C. 7704) is amended—

1 (1) in subparagraph (B)—

2 (A) in clause (iii), by inserting “, commu-
3 nity resilience,” after “seismic risk”; and

4 (B) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(iv) publishing a systematic set of
6 maps of active faults and folds, lique-
7 faction susceptibility, susceptibility for
8 earthquake induced landslides, and other
9 seismically induced hazards; and”;

10 (2) in subparagraph (D), by striking “develop,
11 operate” and all that follows through “7708),” and
12 inserting “continue the development of the Advanced
13 National Seismic System, including earthquake early
14 warning capabilities”.

15 (b) AMENDMENTS RELATING TO INTERAGENCY CO-
16 ORDINATING COMMITTEE ON EARTHQUAKE HAZARDS RE-
17 DUCATION.—

18 (1) CLARIFICATION REGARDING MEMBER-
19 SHIP.—Subparagraph (B) of subsection (a)(3) of
20 such section is amended, in the matter preceding
21 clause (i), by striking “The committee” and insert-
22 ing “In addition to the Director, the committee”.

23 (2) REDUCTION IN MINIMUM FREQUENCY OF
24 MEETINGS OF INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COM-
25 MITTEE ON EARTHQUAKE HAZARDS REDUCTION.—

1 Subparagraph (C) of such subsection is amended by
2 striking “not less than 3 times a year” and inserting
3 “not less frequently than once each year”.

4 (3) EXPANSION OF DUTIES.—Subparagraph
5 (D) of such subsection is amended to read as fol-
6 lows:

7 “(D) DUTIES.—

8 “(i) GENERAL DUTY.—The Inter-
9 agency Coordinating Committee shall over-
10 see the planning, management, and coordi-
11 nation of the Program.

12 “(ii) SPECIFIC DUTIES.—The duties
13 of the Interagency Coordinating Committee
14 include the following:

15 “(I) Developing, not later than 6
16 months after the date of the enact-
17 ment of the National Earthquake
18 Hazards Reduction Program Reau-
19 thorization Act of 2004 and updating
20 periodically—

21 “(aa) a strategic plan that
22 establishes goals and priorities
23 for the Program activities de-
24 scribed under subsection (a)(2);
25 and

1 “(bb) a detailed manage-
2 ment plan to implement such
3 strategic plan.

4 “(II) Developing a coordinated
5 interagency budget for the Program
6 that will ensure appropriate balance
7 among the Program activities de-
8 scribed under subsection (a)(2), and,
9 in accordance with the plans devel-
10 oped under subclause (I), submitting
11 such budget to the Director of the Of-
12 fice of Management and Budget at
13 the time designated by the Director
14 for agencies to submit biennial budg-
15 ets.

16 “(III) Developing interagency
17 memorandums of understanding with
18 any relevant Federal agencies on data
19 sharing and resource commitment in
20 the event of an earthquake disaster.

21 “(IV) Coordinating with the
22 Interagency Coordinating Committee
23 on Windstorm Impact Reduction and
24 other natural hazards coordination
25 committees as the Director determines

1 appropriate to share data and best
2 practices.

3 “(V) Coordinating with the Ad-
4 ministrator of the National Aero-
5 nautics and Space Administration and
6 the Administrator of the National
7 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administra-
8 tion on data sharing and resource al-
9 location to ensure judicious use of
10 Government resources and the free-
11 flowing exchange of information re-
12 lated to earthquakes.

13 “(VI) Coordinating with the Sec-
14 retary of Agriculture and the Sec-
15 retary of the Interior on the use of
16 public lands for earthquake moni-
17 toring and research stations, and re-
18 lated data collection.

19 “(VII) Coordinating with the
20 Secretary of Transportation and the
21 Secretary of Housing and Urban De-
22 velopment on the effects of earth-
23 quakes on transportation and housing
24 stocks.

1 “(iii) ASSISTANCE FROM SECRETARY
2 OF AGRICULTURE AND SECRETARY OF THE
3 INTERIOR.—To the extent practicable, the
4 Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary
5 of the Interior shall expedite any request
6 for a permit to use public land under
7 clause (ii)(VI).”.

8 (4) REDUCTION IN FREQUENCY OF REPORTING
9 BY INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON
10 EARTHQUAKE HAZARDS REDUCTION.—

11 (A) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a)(4) of
12 such section is amended—

13 (i) in the paragraph heading, by strik-
14 ing “ANNUAL” and inserting “BIENNIAL”;

15 (ii) by redesignating subparagraphs
16 (A) through (F) as clauses (i) through (vi),
17 respectively, and adjusting the indentation
18 of the margin of such clauses, as so redesi-
19 gnated, two ems to the right;

20 (iii) in clause (v), as so redesignated,
21 by striking “; and” and inserting a semi-
22 colon;

23 (iv) in clause (vi), as so redesignated,
24 by striking the period at the end and in-
25 serting “; and”;

1 (v) by inserting after clause (vi), as so
2 redesignated, the following:

3 “(vii) a statement regarding whether
4 the Administrator of the Federal Emer-
5 gency Management Agency has lowered or
6 waived the cost share requirement for as-
7 sistance provided under subsection
8 (b)(2)(A)(i).”;

9 (vi) in the matter preceding clause (i),
10 as so redesignated, by striking “The Inter-
11 agency” and all that follows through “Sen-
12 ate” and inserting the following:

13 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not less frequently
14 than once every two years, the Interagency Co-
15 ordinating Committee shall submit to the Com-
16 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-
17 tation, the Committee on Energy and Natural
18 Resources, and the Committee on Homeland
19 Security and Governmental Affairs of the Sen-
20 ate and the Committee on Science, Space, and
21 Technology, the Committee on Energy and
22 Commerce, the Committee on Natural Re-
23 sources, and the Committee on Homeland Secu-
24 rity of the House of Representatives a report on
25 the Program”; and

1 (vii) by adding at the end the fol-
2 lowing:

3 “(B) SUPPORT FOR PREPARATION OF RE-
4 PORT.—Each head of a Program agency shall
5 submit to the Director of the National Institute
6 of Standards and Technology such information
7 as the Director may request for the preparation
8 of a report under subparagraph (A) not later
9 than 90 days after the date on which the Direc-
10 tor requests such information.”.

11 (B) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments
12 made by subparagraph (A) shall take effect on
13 the first day of the first fiscal year beginning
14 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

15 (c) MODIFICATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF NA-
16 TIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY.—
17 Subsection (b) of such section is amended—

18 (1) in paragraph (1)—

19 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and
20 constructing,” and inserting “constructing,
21 evaluating, and retrofitting”; and

22 (B) in subparagraph (D), by inserting
23 “provide new and” after “research to”; and

1 (2) in paragraph (5), in the matter preceding
2 subparagraph (A), in the first sentence, by inserting
3 “community resilience through” after “improve”.

4 (d) MODIFICATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF FED-
5 ERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY.—Paragraph
6 (2) of subsection (b) of such section is amended to read
7 as follows:

8 “(2) DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY;
9 FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY.—

10 “(A) PROGRAM RESPONSIBILITIES.—The
11 Administrator of the Federal Emergency Man-
12 agement Agency—

13 “(i) shall operate a program of grants
14 and assistance to enable States to develop
15 mitigation, preparedness, and response
16 plans, purchase necessary instrumentation,
17 prepare inventories and conduct seismic
18 safety inspections of critical structures and
19 lifeline infrastructure, update building,
20 land use planning, and zoning codes and
21 ordinances to enhance seismic safety, in-
22 crease earthquake awareness and edu-
23 cation, and provide assistance to multi-
24 State groups for such purposes;

1 “(ii) shall support the implementation
2 of a comprehensive earthquake education,
3 outreach, and public awareness program,
4 including development of materials and
5 their wide dissemination to all appropriate
6 audiences and support public access to lo-
7 cality-specific information that may assist
8 the public in preparing for, mitigating
9 against, responding to and recovering from
10 earthquakes and related disasters;

11 “(iii) shall, in conjunction with the
12 Director of the National Institute of
13 Standards and Technology, other Federal
14 agencies, and private sector groups, use re-
15 search results to support the preparation,
16 maintenance, and wide dissemination of
17 seismic resistant design guidance and re-
18 lated information on building codes, stand-
19 ards, and practices for new and existing
20 buildings, structures, and lifeline infra-
21 structure, aid in the development of per-
22 formance-based design guidelines and
23 methodologies, and support model codes
24 that are cost effective and affordable in
25 order to promote better practices within

1 the design and construction industry and
2 reduce losses from earthquakes;

3 “(iv) shall enter into cooperative
4 agreements or contracts with States and
5 local jurisdictions and other Federal agen-
6 cies to establish demonstration projects on
7 earthquake hazard mitigation, to link
8 earthquake research and mitigation efforts
9 with emergency management programs, or
10 to prepare educational materials for na-
11 tional distribution; and

12 “(v) shall support the Director of the
13 National Institute of Standards and Tech-
14 nology in the completion of programmatic
15 goals.

16 “(B) STATE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM CRI-
17 TERIA.—In order to qualify for assistance
18 under subparagraph (A)(i), a State must—

19 “(i) demonstrate that the assistance
20 will result in enhanced seismic safety in
21 the State;

22 “(ii) provide 25 percent of the costs of
23 the activities for which assistance is being
24 given, except that the Administrator may
25 lower or waive the cost-share requirement

1 for these activities for a small impover-
2 ished community, as defined in section 203
3 of the Disaster Relief Act of 1974 (42
4 U.S.C. 5133(a)); and

5 “(iii) meet such other requirements as
6 the Administrator shall prescribe.”.

7 (e) MODIFICATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF UNITED
8 STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.—Subsection (b)(3) of such
9 section is amended—

10 (1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),
11 in the first sentence—

12 (A) by inserting “report on significant do-
13 mestic and international earthquakes and” after
14 “Survey shall”; and

15 (B) by striking “predictions.” and insert-
16 ing “forecasts.”;

17 (2) in subparagraph (C), by striking “pre-
18 dictions, including aftershock advisories” and insert-
19 ing “alerts and early warnings”;

20 (3) by striking subparagraph (D) and inserting
21 the following:

22 “(D) issue when necessary and feasible,
23 and notify the Administrator of the Federal
24 Emergency Management Agency, the Director
25 of the National Institute of Standards and

1 Technology, and State and local officials, an
2 alert and an earthquake warning;”;

3 (4) in subparagraph (E), in the matter pre-
4 ceding clause (i), by striking “using” and inserting
5 “including”;

6 (5) in subparagraph (I), by striking “; and”
7 and inserting a semicolon;

8 (6) in subparagraph (J)—

9 (A) by inserting “and data” after “hazard
10 maps”; and

11 (B) by striking the period at the end and
12 inserting “; and”; and

13 (7) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(K) support the Director of the National
15 Institute of Standards and Technology in the
16 completion of programmatic goals.”.

17 (f) MODIFICATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF NA-
18 TIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION.—Subsection (b)(4) of
19 such section is amended—

20 (1) in subparagraph (B), by inserting “, State
21 agencies, State geological surveys,” after “con-
22 sortia”;

23 (2) in subparagraph (C), by inserting “to sup-
24 port applied science in the production of a system-

1 atic series of earthquake-related geologic hazard
2 maps, and” after “Survey”;

3 (3) in subparagraph (D), by striking “large-
4 scale experimental and computational facilities of the
5 George E. Brown Jr. Network for Earthquake Engi-
6 neering Simulation and other institutions engaged in
7 research and the implementation of the National
8 Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program” and in-
9 serting “experimental and computational facilities”;

10 (4) in subparagraph (G), by striking “; and”
11 and inserting a semicolon;

12 (5) in subparagraph (H), by striking the period
13 at the end and inserting “; and”;

14 (6) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(I) support the Director of the National
16 Institute of Standards and Technology in the
17 completion of programmatic goals.”;

18 (7) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) through
19 (I) as clauses (i) through (ix), respectively, and in-
20 denting such clauses accordingly;

21 (8) in the matter before clause (i), as redesign-
22 nated by paragraph (7), in the first sentence, by
23 striking “The National Science Foundation” and in-
24 serting the following:

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The National Science
2 Foundation”; and

3 (9) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(B) IDENTIFICATION OF FUNDING.—The
5 National Science Foundation shall—

6 “(i) to the extent practicable, note in
7 any notice of Program funding or other
8 funding possibilities under the Program
9 that the funds are part of the Program;

10 “(ii) to the extent practicable, track
11 the awarding of Federal funds through the
12 Program; and

13 “(iii) not less frequently than once
14 every 2 years, submit to the director of the
15 Program a report specifying the amount of
16 Federal funds awarded to conduct research
17 that enhances the understanding of earth-
18 quake science.”.

19 **SEC. 203. REVIEW OF THE NATIONAL EARTHQUAKE HAZ-**
20 **ARD REDUCTION PROGRAM.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable, but not
22 later than such date as is necessary for the Comptroller
23 General of the United States to submit the report required
24 by subsection (c) in accordance with such subsection, the

1 Comptroller General shall complete a review of Federal
2 earthquake hazard risk reduction efforts.

3 (b) ELEMENTS.—The review conducted under sub-
4 section (a) shall include the following:

5 (1) A comprehensive assessment of—

6 (A) the extent to which the United States
7 Geological Survey has identified the risks and
8 hazards to the United States posed by earth-
9 quakes, including risks and hazards resulting
10 from tsunamis and landslides that are gen-
11 erated by earthquakes;

12 (B) the efforts of the Federal Emergency
13 Management Agency and the National Institute
14 of Standards and Technology to improve the re-
15 siliency of the United States to earthquakes and
16 to identify important gaps in the resilience of
17 the United States to earthquakes;

18 (C) the progress made by the National In-
19 stitute of Standards and Technology and the
20 Interagency Coordinating Committee (as de-
21 fined in section 4 the Earthquake Hazards Re-
22 duction Act of 1977 of the Earthquake Hazards
23 Reduction Act of 1977 (42 U.S.C. 7703)) to co-
24 ordinate effectively the budget and activities of
25 the Program agencies (as defined in such sec-

1 tion 4) in advancing the plans and goals of the
2 Program (as defined in such section 4) and how
3 coordination among the Program agencies may
4 be improved;

5 (D) the extent to which the results of re-
6 search in earthquake risk and hazards reduc-
7 tion supported by the National Science Founda-
8 tion during the 40 years of the Program has
9 been effectively disseminated to Federal, State,
10 local, and private sector stakeholders; and

11 (E) the extent to which the research done
12 during the 40 years of the Program has been
13 applied to both public and private earthquake
14 risk and hazards reduction.

15 (2) Recommendations to improve the Program
16 and the resiliency of the United States to earth-
17 quake risks.

18 (c) REPORT.—As soon as practicable, but not later
19 than 3 years after the date of the enactment of this Act,
20 the Comptroller General shall submit to the Committee
21 on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, the Com-
22 mittee on Energy and Natural Resources, and the Com-
23 mittee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
24 of the Senate and the Committee on Science, Space, and
25 Technology, the Committee on Natural Resources, and the

1 Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives a report on the findings of the Comptroller
3 General with respect to the review completed under sub-
4 section (a).

5 **SEC. 204. SEISMIC STANDARDS.**

6 Section 8 of the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act
7 of 1977 (42 U.S.C. 7705b) is amended to read as follows:

8 **“SEC. 8. SEISMIC STANDARDS.**

9 “(a) ASSESSMENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS.—Not
10 later than December 1, 2023, the Director of the National
11 Institute of Standards and Technology and the Adminis-
12 trator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency
13 shall jointly convene a committee of experts from Federal
14 agencies, nongovernmental organizations, private sector
15 entities, disaster management professional associations,
16 engineering professional associations, and professional
17 construction and homebuilding industry associations, to
18 assess and recommend options for improving the built en-
19 vironment and critical infrastructure to reflect perform-
20 ance goals stated in terms of post-earthquake reoccupancy
21 and functional recovery time.

22 “(b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than June
23 30, 2024, the committee convened under paragraph (1)
24 shall submit to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
25 Transportation, the Committee on Energy and Natural

1 Resources, and the Committee on Homeland Security and
2 Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the Committee
3 on Science, Space, and Technology, the Committee on
4 Natural Resources, and the Committee on Homeland Se-
5 curity of the House of Representatives a report on rec-
6 ommended options for improving the built environment
7 and critical infrastructure to reflect performance goals
8 stated in terms of post-earthquake reoccupancy and func-
9 tional recovery time.”.

10 **SEC. 205. MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR ADVANCED NATIONAL**
11 **SEISMIC SYSTEM.**

12 (a) **PLAN REQUIRED.**—Not later than 1 year after
13 the date of the enactment of this Act, the United States
14 Geological Survey shall submit to Congress a 5-year man-
15 agement plan for the continued operation of the Advanced
16 National Seismic System.

17 (b) **ELEMENTS.**—The plan required by subsection (a)
18 shall include the following:

19 (1) Strategies to continue the development of
20 an earthquake early warning system.

21 (2) A mechanism for securing the participation
22 of State and regional level earthquake monitoring
23 entities, including those defunded by the Advanced
24 National Seismic System in the last five years.

1 (3) A plan to encourage and support the inte-
2 gration of geodetic and geospatial data products into
3 earthquake monitoring in regions experiencing large
4 earthquakes.

5 (4) A plan to identify and evaluate existing
6 data sets available across commercial, civil, and de-
7 fense entities to determine if there are additional
8 data sources to inform the development and deploy-
9 ment of the Advanced National Seismic System and
10 an earthquake early warning system.

11 (5) A plan to ensure that there is an active,
12 geographically diverse, management and advisory
13 structure for the Advanced National Seismic Sys-
14 tem.

15 **SEC. 206. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

16 Section 12 of the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act
17 of 1977 (42 U.S.C. 7706) is amended—

18 (1) in subsection (a)(8)—

19 (A) in subparagraph (I), by striking “and”
20 at the end;

21 (B) in subparagraph (J), by adding “and”
22 at the end; and

23 (C) by inserting before the language fol-
24 lowing subparagraph (J) the following:

25 “(K) \$8,758,000 for fiscal year 2024.”;

1 (2) in subsection (b)(2)—

2 (A) in subparagraph (I), by striking “;
3 and” and inserting a semicolon;

4 (B) in subparagraph (J), by striking the
5 period at the end and inserting a semicolon;
6 and

7 (C) by adding at the end the following:

8 “(K) \$83,403,000 for fiscal year 2024, of
9 which not less than \$30,000,000 shall be made
10 available for completion of the Advanced Na-
11 tional Seismic System established under section
12 7707 of this title.”;

13 (3) in subsection (c)(2)—

14 (A) in subparagraph (I), by striking “and”
15 at the end;

16 (B) in subparagraph (J), by striking the
17 period at the end and inserting a semicolon;
18 and

19 (C) by adding at the end the following:

20 “(K) \$54,000,000 for fiscal year 2024.”;
21 and

22 (4) in subsection (d)(2)—

23 (A) in subparagraph (I), by striking “and”
24 at the end;

1 (B) in subparagraph (J), by striking the
2 period at the end and inserting “, and”;

3 (C) by inserting before the language fol-
4 lowing subparagraph (J) the following:

5 “(K) \$5,900,000 for fiscal year 2023,”.

6 **SEC. 207. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.**

7 (a) CORRECTION OF TITLE OF ADMINISTRATOR OF
8 THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY.—
9 The Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977 (42
10 U.S.C. 7701 et seq.) is amended—

11 (1) in section 5 (42 U.S.C. 7704)—

12 (A) in subsection (a)(3)(B), as amended by
13 section 202(b)(1) of this Act—

14 (i) in the matter preceding clause (i),
15 by striking “the directors of”;

16 (ii) in clause (i), by inserting “the Ad-
17 ministrator of” before “the”; and

18 (iii) in clauses (ii) through (v), by in-
19 serting “the Director of” before “the” each
20 place it appears; and

21 (B) in subsection (b)(3)(C), as amended by
22 section 202(e), by striking “Director of the
23 Federal” and inserting “Administrator of the
24 Federal”; and

1 (2) in section 9 (42 U.S.C. 7705c), by striking
2 “Director of the Agency” and inserting “Adminis-
3 trator of the Federal Emergency Management Agen-
4 cy” each place it appears.

5 (b) REFERENCES TO THE ADVANCED NATIONAL
6 SEISMIC SYSTEM.—Such Act is amended—

7 (1) in section 13 (42 U.S.C. 7707), in the sec-
8 tion heading, by striking “**ADVANCED NATIONAL**
9 **SEISMIC RESEARCH AND MONITORING SYS-**
10 **TEM**” and inserting “**ADVANCED NATIONAL SEIS-**
11 **MIC SYSTEM**”; and

12 (2) by striking “Advanced National Seismic Re-
13 search and Monitoring System” each place it ap-
14 pears and inserting “Advanced National Seismic
15 System”.

16 (c) INCORRECT CROSS-REFERENCES.—Paragraph
17 (4) of section 5(a) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 7704(a)), as
18 amended by section 202(b)(4)(A) of this Act, is amend-
19 ed—

20 (1) in clauses (i) and (ii) of subparagraph (A),
21 as redesignated by such section 3(b)(4)(A), by strik-
22 ing “subparagraph (3)(A)” both places it appears
23 and inserting “paragraph (3)(D)(i)(I)”; and

1 (2) in clause (iii), as so redesignated, by strik-
2 ing “under (3)(A)” and inserting “under paragraph
3 (3)(D)(i)(I)”.

4 **TITLE III**

5 **SEC. 301. RENAMING.**

6 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—Section 1 of the Stop Trading
7 on Congressional Knowledge Act of 2012 is amended by
8 striking “Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge Act
9 of 2012” and inserting “Representative Louise McIntosh
10 Slaughter Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge
11 Act”.

12 (b) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—Section 103(i)(2)
13 of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.
14 103(i)(2)) is amended by striking “Stop Trading on Con-
15 gressional Knowledge Act of 2012” and inserting
16 “STOCK Act”.

17 **TITLE IV**

18 **SEC. 401. MATURITY FOR LOANS WITH REMAINING BAL-**

19 **ANCE AFTER APPLICATION OF FORGIVENESS.**

20 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 7(a)(36)(K)(ii) of the
21 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)(36)) is amended
22 by inserting “minimum maturity of 5 years and a” before
23 “maximum maturity”.

24 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICABILITY.**—The amend-
25 ment made by this section shall take effect on the date

1 of the enactment of this Act and shall apply to any loan
2 made pursuant to section 7(a)(36) of the Small Business
3 Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)(36)) on or after such date. Nothing
4 in this Act, the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136), or
5 the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care En-
6 hancement Act (Public Law 116–139) shall be construed
7 to prohibit lenders and borrowers from mutually agreeing
8 to modify the maturity terms of a covered loan described
9 in subparagraph (K) of such section to conform with re-
10 quirements of this section.

11 **TITLE V**

12 **SEC. 501. RESTORATION OF AMOUNTS IMPROPERLY WITH-** 13 **HELD FOR TAX PURPOSES FROM SEVERANCE** 14 **PAYMENTS TO VETERANS WITH COMBAT-RE-** 15 **LATED INJURIES.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
17 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
18 shall—

19 (1) identify—

20 (A) the severance payments—

21 (i) that the Secretary paid after Janu-
22 ary 17, 1991;

23 (ii) that the Secretary computed
24 under section 1212 of title 10, United
25 States Code;

1 (iii) that were not considered gross in-
2 come pursuant to section 104(a)(4) of the
3 Internal Revenue Code of 1986; and

4 (iv) from which the Secretary withheld
5 amounts for tax purposes; and

6 (B) the individuals to whom such sever-
7 ance payments were made; and

8 (2) with respect to each person identified under
9 paragraph (1)(B), provide—

10 (A) notice of—

11 (i) the amount of severance payments
12 in paragraph (1)(A) which were improperly
13 withheld for tax purposes; and

14 (ii) such other information determined
15 to be necessary by the Secretary of the
16 Treasury to carry out the purposes of this
17 section; and

18 (B) instructions for filing amended tax re-
19 turns to recover the amounts improperly with-
20 held for tax purposes.

21 (b) EXTENSION OF LIMITATION ON TIME FOR CRED-
22 IT OR REFUND.—

23 (1) PERIOD FOR FILING CLAIM.—If a claim for
24 credit or refund under section 6511(a) of the Inter-
25 nal Revenue Code of 1986 relates to a specified

1 overpayment, the 3-year period of limitation pre-
2 scribed by such subsection shall not expire before
3 the date which is 1 year after the date the informa-
4 tion return described in subsection (a)(2) is pro-
5 vided. The allowable amount of credit or refund of
6 a specified overpayment shall be determined without
7 regard to the amount of tax paid within the period
8 provided in section 6511(b)(2).

9 (2) SPECIFIED OVERPAYMENT.—For purposes
10 of paragraph (1), the term “specified overpayment”
11 means an overpayment attributable to a severance
12 payment described in subsection (a)(1).

13 TITLE VI

14 SEC. 601. NONPROFIT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM.

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle A of title XX of the
16 Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 601 et seq.)
17 is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

18 “SEC. 2009. NONPROFIT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM.

19 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the
20 Department a program to be known as the ‘Nonprofit Se-
21 curity Grant Program’ (in this section referred to as the
22 ‘Program’). Under the Program, the Secretary, acting
23 through the Administrator, shall make grants to eligible
24 nonprofit organizations described in subsection (b),
25 through the State in which such organizations are located,

1 for target hardening and other security enhancements to
2 protect against terrorist attacks.

3 “(b) ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS.—Eligible nonprofit or-
4 ganizations described in this subsection (a) are organiza-
5 tions that are—

6 “(1) described in section 501(c)(3) of the Inter-
7 nal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from tax
8 under section 501(a) of such Code; and

9 “(2) determined to be at risk of a terrorist at-
10 tack by the Administrator.

11 “(c) PERMITTED USES.—The recipient of a grant
12 under this section may use such grant for any of the fol-
13 lowing uses:

14 “(1) Target hardening activities, including
15 physical security enhancement equipment and in-
16 spection and screening systems.

17 “(2) Fees for security training relating to phys-
18 ical security and cybersecurity, target hardening,
19 terrorism awareness, and employee awareness.

20 “(3) Any other appropriate activity, including
21 cybersecurity resilience activities, as determined by
22 the Administrator.

23 “(d) PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE.—The Adminis-
24 trator shall make funds provided under this section avail-

1 able for use by a recipient of a grant for a period of not
2 less than 36 months.

3 “(e) REPORT.—The Administrator shall for fiscal
4 year 2024 submit to the Committee on Homeland Security
5 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on
6 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Sen-
7 ate a report containing information on the expenditure by
8 each grant recipient of grant funds made under this sec-
9 tion.

10 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be
12 appropriated to carry out this section \$75,000,000
13 for fiscal year 2024.

14 “(2) SPECIFICATION.—Of the amounts author-
15 ized to be appropriated pursuant to paragraph (1)—

16 “(A) \$50,000,000 is authorized for eligible
17 recipients located in jurisdictions that receive
18 funding under section 2003; and

19 “(B) \$25,000,000 is authorized for eligible
20 recipients in jurisdictions not receiving funding
21 under section 2003.”.

22 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subsection (a) of
23 section 2002 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6
24 U.S.C. 603) is amended by striking “sections 2003 and
25 2004” and inserting “sections 2003, 2004, and 2009”.

1 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents
2 in section 1(b) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 is
3 amended by inserting after the item relating to section
4 2008 the following new item:

“Sec. 2009. Nonprofit security grant program.”.

5 **TITLE VII**

6 **SEC. 701. STUDY.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the
8 date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General
9 of the United States shall—

10 (1) complete a study that—

11 (A) reviews what actions Federal agencies
12 have taken to help to address barriers to par-
13 ticipation in federally funded cancer clinical
14 trials by populations that have been tradition-
15 ally underrepresented in such trials, and identi-
16 fies challenges, if any, in implementing such ac-
17 tions; and

18 (B) identifies additional actions that can
19 be taken by Federal agencies to address bar-
20 riers to participation in federally funded cancer
21 clinical trials by populations that have been tra-
22 ditionally underrepresented in such trials; and

23 (2) submit a report to the Congress on the re-
24 sults of such study, including recommendations on
25 potential changes in practices and policies to im-

1 (A) Enhance, pursuant to existing authori-
2 ties and restrictions, the institutional capacity,
3 including military capabilities, of the Govern-
4 ment of Nigeria and partner nations in the re-
5 gion, as appropriate, to counter the threat
6 posed by Boko Haram.

7 (B) Provide humanitarian support to civil-
8 ian populations impacted by Boko Haram's ac-
9 tivity.

10 (C) Specific activities through which the
11 United States Government intends to improve
12 and enhance the capacity of Multinational Joint
13 Task Force to Combat Boko Haram partner
14 nations to investigate and prosecute human
15 rights abuses by security forces and promote re-
16 spect for the rule of law within the military.

17 (D) A means for assisting Nigeria, and as
18 appropriate, Multinational Joint Task Force to
19 Combat Boko Haram nations, to counter vio-
20 lent extremism, including efforts to address un-
21 derlying societal factors shown to contribute to
22 the ability of Boko Haram to radicalize and re-
23 cruit individuals.

24 (E) A plan to strengthen and promote the
25 rule of law, including by improving the capacity

1 of the civilian police and judicial system in Ni-
2 geria, enhancing public safety, and responding
3 to crime (including gender-based violence),
4 while respecting human rights and strength-
5 ening accountability measures, including meas-
6 ures to prevent corruption.

7 (F) Strengthen the long-term capacity of
8 the Government of Nigeria to enhance security
9 for schools such that children are safer and
10 girls seeking an education are better protected,
11 and to combat gender-based violence and gen-
12 der inequality.

13 (G) Identify and develop mechanisms for
14 coordinating the implementation of the strategy
15 across the inter-agency and with the Govern-
16 ment of Nigeria, regional partners, and other
17 relevant foreign partners.

18 (H) Identify the resources required to
19 achieve the strategy's objectives.

20 (b) ASSESSMENT.—The Director of National Intel-
21 ligence shall submit, to the appropriate committees of
22 Congress, an assessment regarding—

23 (1) the willingness and capability of the Govern-
24 ment of Nigeria and regional partners to implement
25 the strategy developed under subsection (a), includ-

1 ing the capability gaps, if any, of the Government
2 and military forces of Nigeria that would need to be
3 addressed to enable the Government of Nigeria and
4 the governments of its partner countries in the re-
5 gion—

6 (A) to counter the threat of Boko Haram;
7 and

8 (B) to address the legitimate grievances of
9 vulnerable populations in areas affected by
10 Boko Haram; and

11 (2) significant United States intelligence gaps
12 concerning Boko Haram or on the willingness and
13 capacity of the Government of Nigeria and regional
14 partners to implement the strategy developed under
15 subsection (a).

16 (c) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
17 gress that lack of economic opportunity and access to edu-
18 cation, justice, and other social services contributes to the
19 ability of Boko Haram to radicalize and recruit individ-
20 uals.

21 (d) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-
22 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate commit-
23 tees of Congress” means—

24 (1) the Committee on Armed Services, the
25 Committee on Foreign Relations, the Committee on

1 Appropriations, and the Select Committee on Intel-
2 ligence of the Senate; and

3 (2) the Committee on Armed Services, the
4 Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee on
5 Appropriations, and the Permanent Select Com-
6 mittee on Intelligence of the House of Representa-
7 tives.

8 **TITLE IX**

9 **SEC. 901. HEARINGS.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Each standing committee of the
11 House of Representatives shall hold a hearing on the im-
12 plementation of this Act within one year of enactment.

13 (b) EXERCISE OF RULEMAKING AUTHORITY.—Sub-
14 section (a) is enacted—

15 (1) as an exercise of rulemaking power of the
16 House of Representatives, and, as such, shall be con-
17 sidered as part of the rules of the House, and such
18 rules shall supersede any other rule of the House
19 only to the extent that rule is inconsistent therewith;
20 and

21 (2) with full recognition of the constitutional
22 right of either House to change such rules (so far
23 as relating to the procedure in such House) at any
24 time, in the same manner, and to the same extent
25 as in the case of any other rule of the House.

TITLE X**SEC. 1001. SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS.**

The following sums are hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023, and for other purposes, namely:

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
SERVICES

HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

RURAL HEALTH

For an additional amount for the Telehealth Resource Center of the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy of the Office for the Advancement of Telehealth, to provide assistance with respect to technical, legal, regulatory service delivery or other related barriers to the development of telehealth technologies for skilled nursing facilities (as defined in section 1819 of the Social Security Act) and nursing facilities (as defined in section 1919 of such Act), \$5,000,000 to remain available through September 30, 2024.

TITLE XI**SEC. 1101. CODE OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT.**

In rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives strike clause 20 and insert the following:

