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To direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on the effectiveness of emergency alerting systems, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LANGWORTHY (for himself, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Mr. MEUSER, Mr. MOYLAN, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Ms. NORTON, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. HARDER of California, Mr. MULLIN, Ms. KING-HINDS, Mrs. LUNA, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. PAPPAS, Ms. BARRAGÁN, and Mr. CARBAJAL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Weather Alert Re-
5 sponse and Notification Act” or the “WARN Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EFFECTIVENESS OF LOCAL, STATE, TERRITORY,**
2 **AND FEDERAL ALERTING SYSTEMS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of the
4 United States shall conduct a study on the effectiveness
5 of local, State, territory, and Federal emergency alerting
6 systems in disseminating timely and relevant information
7 during weather-related emergencies to help communities
8 develop better policies and procedures for emergency re-
9 sponse and enhance public safety in the event of a weath-
10 er-related emergency.

11 (b) CONTENTS.—In conducting the study under sub-
12 section (a), the Comptroller General shall—

13 (1) evaluate the efficacy of various alert medi-
14 ums, including platforms such as social media, to
15 disseminate emergency alerts, including travel bans
16 and mass power outages, during extreme weather
17 events;

18 (2) assess the extent that guidance and training
19 exists for developing alert content, such as ensuring
20 alerts are clear, relevant, and provide the public with
21 actionable information; and

22 (3) determine whether improvements could be
23 made to public alerting, including outdoor siren sys-
24 tems, based on input from a selected sample of
25 emergency managers, local officials, and community
26 groups.

1 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after the
2 date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General
3 shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and In-
4 frastructure and the Committee on Homeland Security of
5 the House of Representatives and the Committee on
6 Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Sen-
7 ate a report on the study conducted under subsection (a).

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