

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3556

To amend the Small Business Act to modify application deadlines and communication requirements for certain disaster assistance, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 21, 2025

Mr. NEGUSE (for himself and Mr. EDWARDS) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

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. MODIFICATION TO APPLICATION DEADLINES**
4 **AND COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR**
5 **CERTAIN DISASTER ASSISTANCE.**

6 Section 7(b) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
7 636(b)) is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (4)—

9 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

1 (i) by striking “correspond with appli-
2 cation deadlines” and inserting “end on
3 the date that is 60 days after any applica-
4 tion deadlines that are”; and

5 (ii) by striking “, or as” and inserting
6 “or that are”;

7 (B) by adding at the end the following new
8 subparagraphs:

9 “(C) LATE APPLICATIONS.—The Adminis-
10 trator may accept an application for disaster re-
11 lief relating to a major disaster under this para-
12 graph at any time after the deadline in sub-
13 paragraph (A) if the applicant demonstrates
14 good cause for the late submission.”; and

15 (C) in subparagraph (B), in the matter
16 preceding clause (i), by striking “and the Com-
17 mittee on Small Business of the House of Rep-
18 resentatives” and inserting “, the Committee on
19 Small Business of the House of Representa-
20 tives, and each office of a Member of Congress
21 that represents a district in which a major dis-
22 aster has occurred”; and

23 (2) in paragraph (5), in the matter preceding
24 subparagraph (A), by inserting “and to commu-
25 nicate to each office of a Member of Congress that

- 1 represents a district in which a major disaster has
- 2 occurred,” after “web-based outlets,”.

