

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 5310

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 11, 2025

Mr. EZELL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## A BILL

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

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Fairness and Account-  
5       ability of Appeals Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. APPEALS OF ASSISTANCE DECISIONS.**

2       Section 423 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief  
3 and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5189a) is  
4 amended by adding at the end the following:

5       “(e) ATTORNEY’S FEES.—In any case in which an  
6 applicant who requested an appeal under subsection (a)  
7 or arbitration under subsection (d) receives a favorable de-  
8 cision following such appeal or arbitration, the Adminis-  
9 trator shall reimburse such applicant for any attorney’s  
10 fees of the applicant relating to such appeal or arbitra-  
11 tion.”.

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