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To provide for an online repository for certain reporting requirements for recipients of Federal disaster assistance, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. LANKFORD (for himself and Ms. HASSAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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 “Post-Disaster Assist-
5 ance Online Accountability Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SUBPAGE FOR TRANSPARENCY OF DISASTER AS-**
7 **SISTANCE.**

8 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF REPOSITORY FOR REPORT-
9 ING REQUIREMENTS.—The Director of the Office of Man-

1 agement and Budget, in consultation with the Secretary
2 of the Treasury and the head of each covered Federal
3 agency, shall establish a subpage within the website estab-
4 lished under section 2 of the Federal Funding Account-
5 ability and Transparency Act of 2006 (31 U.S.C. 6101
6 note) to publish the information required to be made avail-
7 able to the public under this section.

8 (b) SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION BY FEDERAL
9 AGENCIES.—Not later than 30 days after the end of a
10 calendar quarter, the head of each covered Federal agency
11 that made disaster assistance available to an eligible re-
12 cipient during such quarter shall, in coordination with the
13 Director of the Office of Management and Budget, make
14 available to the public on the subpage established under
15 subsection (a) the information described in subsection (c),
16 and ensure that any data asset of the covered Federal
17 agency is machine readable.

18 (c) INFORMATION REQUIRED.—The information de-
19 scribed in this subsection is, with respect to disaster as-
20 sistance provided by a covered Federal agency—

21 (1) the total amount of disaster assistance pro-
22 vided by the covered Federal agency during such
23 quarter;

1 (2) the amount of disaster assistance provided
2 by the covered Federal agency that was expended or
3 obligated to projects or activities; and

4 (3) a detailed list of all projects or activities for
5 which disaster assistance dispersed by the agency
6 was expended, obligated, or used, including—

7 (A) the name of the project or activity;

8 (B) a description of the project or activity;

9 (C) an evaluation of the completion status
10 of the project or activity;

11 (D) any award identification number as-
12 signed to the project;

13 (E) the Catalog for Disaster Assistance
14 number assigned by the Federal Emergency
15 Management Agency;

16 (F) the location of the project, including
17 ZIP Codes; and

18 (G) any reporting requirement information
19 being collected by a covered Federal agency
20 with respect to that covered Federal agency's
21 disaster assistance.

22 (d) GUIDANCE.—The head of each covered Federal
23 agency, in coordination with the Director of the Office of
24 Management and Budget and the Secretary of the Treas-

1 ury, shall issue such guidance as is necessary to meet the
 2 requirements of this Act.

3 (e) AGREEMENT WITH PRIVATE ENTITY.—The Di-
 4 rector of the Office of Management and Budget, if nec-
 5 essary for purposes of transparency, may enter into an
 6 agreement with a private entity, including a nonprofit or-
 7 ganization, to develop the subpage required under this sec-
 8 tion.

9 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

10 In this Act, the following definitions apply:

11 (1) COVERED FEDERAL AGENCY.—The term
 12 “covered Federal agency” means—

13 (A) any agency providing assistance under
 14 the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and
 15 Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et
 16 seq.);

17 (B) the Small Business Administration;
 18 and

19 (C) the Department of Housing and Urban
 20 Development.

21 (2) DISASTER ASSISTANCE.—The term “dis-
 22 aster assistance” means any funds that are made
 23 available by the Federal Government in response to
 24 a specified natural disaster, including—

1 (A) any assistance provided by the Admin-
2 istrator of the Small Business Administration
3 as a result of a disaster declared under section
4 7(b) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
5 636(b));

6 (B) any assistance provided by the Sec-
7 retary of Housing and Urban Development for
8 activities authorized under title I of the Hous-
9 ing and Community Development Act of 1974
10 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.) related to disaster re-
11 lief, long-term recovery, restoration of infra-
12 structure and housing, and economic revitaliza-
13 tion in the most impacted and distressed areas
14 resulting from a major disaster declared pursu-
15 ant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief
16 and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121
17 et seq.);

18 (C) flood insurance coverage provided
19 under the National Flood Insurance Program
20 pursuant to the National Flood Insurance Act
21 of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4001 et seq.); and

22 (D) any assistance provided under the
23 Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emer-
24 gency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.).

1 (3) ELIGIBLE RECIPIENT.—The term “eligible
2 recipient”—

3 (A) means any entity that receives disaster
4 assistance directly from the Federal Govern-
5 ment (including disaster assistance received
6 through a grant, loan, or contract), other than
7 an individual; and

8 (B) includes a State that receives disaster
9 assistance.

10 (4) SPECIFIED NATURAL DISASTER.—The term
11 “specified natural disaster” means—

12 (A) a fire on public or private forest land
13 or grassland described in section 420 of the
14 Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emer-
15 gency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5187);

16 (B) a major disaster declared by the Presi-
17 dent under section 401 of such Act (42 U.S.C.
18 5170);

19 (C) an emergency declared by the Presi-
20 dent under section 501 of such Act (42 U.S.C.
21 5191); and

22 (D) any other natural disaster for which a
23 disaster declaration is made by the Federal
24 Government.

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