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H. R. 5778

To cancel and waive certain debts owed to the United States with respect to Hurricane Sandy, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KIM of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. PALLONE, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. MALINOWSKI, and Mr. SIRES) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Financial Services, and Small Business, 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

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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 “Security After Sandy
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. COMMUNITY DISASTER LOAN FORGIVENESS.**

7 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, repay-
8 ment shall be canceled for all uncollected amounts owed

1 with respect to loans made by the Federal Government
2 between January 1, 2006, and January 1, 2021, under
3 section 417 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and
4 Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5184) with respect
5 to any major disaster declared under section 401 of such
6 Act.

7 **SEC. 3. WAIVER OF DEBT.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subchapter II of
9 chapter 37 of title 31, United States Code, the Adminis-
10 trator of the Federal Emergency Management Adminis-
11 tration, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Develop-
12 ment, and the Administrator of the Small Business Ad-
13 ministration—

14 (1) subject to paragraph (2), shall waive a debt
15 owed to the United States related to covered assist-
16 ance provided to an individual or household if—

17 (A) such debt owed is a result of an unau-
18 thorized use of funds for such covered assist-
19 ance; and

20 (B) the use of funds related to the same
21 recovery for which the covered assistance was
22 provided; and

23 (2) may not waive a debt under paragraph (1)
24 if the debt involves fraud by the debtor.

1 (b) COVERED ASSISTANCE DEFINED.—In this sec-
2 tion, the term “covered assistance” means Federal assist-
3 ance provided in relation to a major disaster declared by
4 the President under section 401 of the Robert T. Stafford
5 Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
6 5170) between January 1, 2006, and January 1, 2021.

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