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# H. R. 8733

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 19, 2022

Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana 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. DEFINITION OF ECONOMICALLY DISADVAN-**  
4 **TAGED COMMUNITY.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out section 160 of the  
6 Water Resources Development Act of 2020 (33 U.S.C.  
7 2201 note), the Secretary of the Army shall include in the  
8 definition of “economically disadvantaged community”

1 any area that is designated as eligible to receive assistance  
2 under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emer-  
3 gency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.) as a result  
4 of a major disaster declaration under section 401 of such  
5 Act (42 U.S.C. 5170).

6 (b) APPLICABILITY.—An area described in subsection  
7 (a) may only be included in the definition of “economically  
8 disadvantaged community” during the 5-year period be-  
9 ginning on the date on which a major disaster with respect  
10 to such area is declared.

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