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# H. R. 3503

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 25, 2021

Ms. HERRELL (for herself, Mr. GOOD of Virginia, Mr. GOSAR, and Mr. WEBER of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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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 “Repaying the Rural  
5 Borderlands Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. REIMBURSEMENT FOR CERTAIN DEPARTMENT OF**  
2 **HOMELAND SECURITY POLICIES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-  
4 rity shall make payments to eligible persons to reimburse  
5 such persons for—

6 (1) damage to real or personal property caused  
7 by aliens entering the United States along the south-  
8 ern border, including harm to livestock, destruction  
9 of fences, destruction of crops, damage to buildings,  
10 damage to infrastructure, such as an irrigation pipe,  
11 and environmental damage; or

12 (2) in the case of a unit of local government,  
13 the provision of care to aliens entering the United  
14 States along the southern border.

15 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

16 (1) The term “eligible person” means an indi-  
17 vidual, an entity, a unit of local government, or a  
18 State.

19 (2) The term “provision of care” includes the  
20 provision of housing, transportation, health care,  
21 school, and food.

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