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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 12, 2023

Mrs. Dawson-Lockhart of Lincoln (for herself) introduced the following bill;

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the Weather Alert Response and Notification Act, or the WARN Act.

SEC. 2. EFFECTIVENESS OF LOCAL ALERTING SYSTEMS.

- (a) IN GENERAL — The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a study on the effectiveness of local alerting systems in disseminating timely and relevant information during weather-related emergencies to help communities develop better policies and procedures for emergency response and enhance public safety in the event of a weather-related emergency.
- (b) CONTENTS — In conducting the study under subsection (a), the Comptroller General shall—
 - (i) evaluate the efficacy of various alert mediums, including platforms such as social media, to disseminate emergency alerts, including travel bans and mass power outages, during extreme weather events; and
 - (ii) establish a set of best practices for such alerts.
- (c) REPORT — Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall submit to General Welfare Committee of the Senate a report on the study conducted under subsection (a).

Meta Note: This bill was originally introduced by Rep. Langworthy in the 118th Congress.
