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# S. 1858

To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to establish a deadline for applying for disaster unemployment assistance.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 7, 2023

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

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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 “Disaster Assistance  
5 Deadlines Alignment Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DISASTER UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE APPLICA-**  
2 **TION DEADLINE.**

3 Section 410 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief  
4 and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5177) is  
5 amended by adding at the end the following:

6 “(c) APPLICATION DEADLINE.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—With respect to a major  
8 disaster for which assistance is provided under this  
9 section and section 408, the application deadline for  
10 an individual seeking assistance under this section  
11 shall match the application deadline for individuals  
12 and households seeking assistance under section  
13 408.

14 “(2) EXTENSION.—The President may accept  
15 an application from an individual described in para-  
16 graph (1) that is submitted after the deadline de-  
17 scribed in paragraph (1) if—

18 “(A) the individual has good cause for the  
19 late submission; and

20 “(B) the individual submits the application  
21 before the date on which the period during  
22 which assistance is provided under this section  
23 for the applicable major disaster expires.”.

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