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S. 4900

To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to incentivize certain preparedness measures, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. BUTLER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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 “Investing in Commu-
5 nity Resilience Act of 2024”.

6 **SEC. 2. EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAMS.**

7 (a) AMENDMENT.—Section 406(b)(3)(A) of the Rob-
8 ert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance
9 Act (42 U.S.C. 5172(b)(3)(A)) is amended—

1 (1) in the matter preceding clause (i), by insert-
2 ing before the period “, including for subrecipients”;

3 (2) in clause (ii), by inserting “preparedness,”
4 after “disaster relief”;

5 (3) in clause (iv)—

6 (A) by inserting “or programs designated
7 by the Administrator of the Federal Emergency
8 Management Agency to increase resilience for
9 storms, tsunamis, wildfires, or equivalent disas-
10 ters” after “community rating system”; and

11 (B) by striking “and”;

12 (4) in clause (v), by striking the period and in-
13 serting “; and”; and

14 (5) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(vi) support of viable community
16 emergency response teams or equivalent
17 non-governmental organizations that pro-
18 vide disaster assistance, including by—

19 “(I) facilitating the establishment
20 of mutual aid agreements supportive
21 of the operation of such teams or or-
22 ganizations; or

23 “(II) providing or facilitating
24 regular training, outreach, and solic-

1 iting participation in preparedness ex-
2 ercises.”.

3 (b) COMPREHENSIVE GUIDANCE.—Not later than 1
4 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the President,
5 acting through the Administrator, shall issue comprehen-
6 sive guidance to State and Tribal governments relating to
7 the measures and investments described in section
8 406(b)(3)(A) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief
9 and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
10 5172(b)(3)(A)), as amended in subsection (a).

11 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

12 This Act, and the amendments made by this Act,
13 shall take effect on the date that is 180 days after the
14 date of enactment of this Act.

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