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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. Israel (for himself, Mr. Engel, Ms. Meng, Mr. Sires, Mr. Crowley, Mr. King of New York, Mr. Nadler, Mr. Pallone, Mrs. McCarthy of New York, Mr. Jeffries, Mrs. Carolyn B. Maloney of New York, Ms. Clarke, and Mr. Pascrell) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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

3 SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS.

4 Section 102 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5122) is amended by adding at the end the following:
“(11) CONDOMINIUM.—The term ‘condominium’ means a multi-unit housing project in which each dwelling unit is separately owned, and the remaining portions of the real estate are designated for common ownership solely by the owners of those units, each owner having an undivided interest in the common elements, and which is represented by a condominium association consisting exclusively of all the unit owners in the project, which is, or will be responsible for the operation, administration, and management of the project.

“(12) HOUSING COOPERATIVE.—The term ‘housing cooperative’ means a multi-unit housing project in which each dwelling unit is subject to separate use and possession by one or more cooperative members whose interest in such unit, and in any undivided assets of the cooperative association that are appurtenant to such unit, is evidenced by a membership or share interest in a cooperative association and a lease or other document of title or possession granted by such cooperative as the owner of all cooperative property.”.
SEC. 2. CONDOMINIUMS AND HOUSING COOPERATIVES DAMAGED BY A MAJOR DISASTER.

(a) INDIVIDUALS AND HOUSEHOLDS PROGRAM.—Section 408(b)(1) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5174(b)(1)) is amended—

(1) by striking “The President” and inserting the following:

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The President”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(B) CONDOMINIUMS AND HOUSING COOPERATIVES.—For purposes of providing financial assistance under subsections (c)(2) and (c)(3) with respect to residential elements that are the legal responsibility of an association for a condominium or housing cooperative, the terms ‘individual’ and ‘household’ include the association for the condominium or housing cooperative.”.

(b) MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE.—Section 408(h) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 5174(h)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(3) SPECIAL RULE FOR CONDOMINIUMS AND HOUSING COOPERATIVES.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—In lieu of the limit established under paragraph (1), the maximum
amount of assistance that an association for a
condominium or housing cooperative may re-
ceive under this section with respect to a single
disaster shall be an amount to be determined by
the President by regulation.

“(B) ADJUSTMENT OF LIMIT.—The
amount determined by the President under sub-
paragraph (A) shall be adjusted annually in ac-
cordance with paragraph (2).”.

(c) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by this
section shall apply to a major disaster or emergency de-
clared by the President under the Robert T. Stafford Dis-
aster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
5121 et seq.) after the date of enactment of this Act.