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# H. R. 6064

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 17, 2025

Ms. NORTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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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 “Protecting Homes  
5       from Trains Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. GRANT PROGRAM TO CONSTRUCT BARRIERS NEAR**  
2 **RAIL LINES ADJACENT TO A RESIDENTIAL**  
3 **STRUCTURE.**

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after  
5 the date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary  
6 of Transportation shall establish a program to provide  
7 grants to eligible recipients to design or construct a bar-  
8 rier to mitigate rail activity that may negatively impact  
9 a residential structure or its use, including—

- 10 (1) damage caused by a train derailment;  
11 (2) noise caused by a train; and  
12 (3) vibrations caused by a train.

13 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—A grant provided under this  
14 section may be used to design or construct a barrier lo-  
15 cated—

- 16 (1) adjacent to a rail line; and  
17 (2) between the rail line and any residential  
18 area that—

- 19 (A) includes structures; and  
20 (B) is affected, or potentially affected, by  
21 any rail activity described in subsection (a).

22 (c) ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS.—The Secretary may  
23 make a grant under the program established in subsection  
24 (a) to the following:

- 25 (1) A State.  
26 (2) A group of States.

1           (3) An Interstate Compact.

2           (4) A public agency or publicly chartered au-  
3       thority established by one or more States.

4           (5) A political subdivision of a State.

5           (6) Amtrak or another rail carrier that provides  
6       intercity rail passenger transportation.

7           (7) A Class II railroad or Class III railroad or  
8       a holding company of a Class II or Class III rail-  
9       road, or an association representing a Class II or III  
10      railroad.

11          (8) Any rail carrier in partnership with one or  
12      more entities described in paragraphs (1) through  
13      (5).

14      (d) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible for a grant under  
15      the program established in subsection (a), an entity de-  
16      scribed in subsection (c) shall submit to the Secretary an  
17      application in such form, at such time, and containing  
18      such information as the Secretary determines appropriate.

19      (e) STATE DEFINED.—In this section, the term  
20      “State” means each of the several States, the District of  
21      Columbia, and each commonwealth, territory, or posses-  
22      sion of the United States.

23      (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
24      authorized to be appropriated to carry out the program

- 1 established in subsection (a) \$100,000,000 for each of fis-
- 2 cal years 2026 through 2030.

