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To direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to submit a monthly report on the status of all projects and activities funded through the Disaster Relief Fund, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BELL (for himself and Mr. MOSKOWITZ) 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 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 “FEMA Accountability
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPORTING ON DISASTER RELIEF FUND OBLIGA-**
2 **TIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS.**

3 (a) REPORTING.—Not later than 60 days after the
4 date of enactment of this Act, and monthly thereafter, the
5 Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management
6 Agency shall submit to the appropriate committees of Con-
7 gress a report on the status of all projects and activities
8 funded through the Disaster Relief Fund.

9 (b) CONTENTS OF REPORT.—Each monthly report
10 under subsection (a) shall include, with respect to the pre-
11 ceding month—

12 (1) the total unobligated balance of the Dis-
13 aster Relief Fund;

14 (2) the total amount of Disaster Relief Fund
15 funds obligated;

16 (3) the total amount of Disaster Relief Fund
17 funds disbursed;

18 (4) a breakdown by disaster declaration (major
19 disaster or emergency), including—

20 (A) the name and date of each declaration;

21 (B) the States, territories, or tribal areas
22 affected;

23 (C) the total funds obligated to date;

24 (D) the total funds disbursed to date; and

25 (E) the percentage of obligated funds that
26 have been disbursed;

1 (5) a list of all public assistance projects sub-
2 mitted for approval and obligation;

3 (6) a list of all projects that have been ap-
4 proved for obligation;

5 (7) a list of all funds for projects that have
6 been disbursed;

7 (8) a list of all projects for which obligation de-
8 cisions remain pending for more than 180 days; and

9 (9) any funds withheld, deferred, or repro-
10 grammed for future use, with an explanation of the
11 reason and estimated disbursement timeline.

12 (c) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The Administrator shall
13 make each report required under this section publicly
14 available on the website of the Federal Emergency Man-
15 agement Agency not later than 10 days after the submis-
16 sion of each report.

17 (d) STANDARDIZATION OF REPORTING.—Not later
18 than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the
19 Administrator shall establish a uniform reporting template
20 for Disaster Relief Fund obligation and disbursement
21 data, consistent with Federal open data standards, and
22 update such data on a rolling monthly basis.

23 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

24 (1) DISASTER RELIEF FUND.—The term “Dis-
25 aster Relief Fund” means the fund established

1 under section 102(4) of the Robert T. Stafford Dis-
2 aster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42
3 U.S.C. 5122(4)).

4 (2) OBLIGATION.—The term “obligation”
5 means a legally binding commitment by the Federal
6 Emergency Management Agency to make payments
7 under specific disaster recovery programs or
8 projects.

9 (3) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
10 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-
11 gress” means the Committees on Appropriations and
12 Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of
13 Representatives and the Committees on Appropria-
14 tions and Homeland Security and Governmental Af-
15 fairs of the Senate.

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