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H. R. 7829

To prohibit the Secretary of Homeland Security from carrying out any policy that imposes an arbitrary monetary threshold on the obligation or disbursement of disaster relief funds, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 5, 2026

Mr. HERNÁNDEZ (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY of New York, Mr. STANTON, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. COSTA, Mrs. BEATTY, Ms. POU, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. TORRES of New York, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. SOTO, and Mr. CARTER of Louisiana) 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 “Disaster Aid Without
5 Delay Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN ACTIONS WITH RESPECT**
2 **TO DISASTER RELIEF FUNDS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Secu-
4 rity may not issue, implement, enforce, or carry out any
5 policy, directive, guidance, or practice that imposes an ar-
6 bitrary monetary threshold on the obligation or disburse-
7 ment of funds made available to the Federal Emergency
8 Management Agency for major disaster or emergency as-
9 sistance provided pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Dis-
10 aster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
11 5121 et seq.).

12 (b) MONETARY THRESHOLD DEFINED.—In this sec-
13 tion, the term “monetary threshold” means any fixed dol-
14 lar amount requirement that conditions, delays, or re-
15 quires additional approval for the obligation or disburse-
16 ment of funds.

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