

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 8695

To direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to appoint an Acting Regional Administrator in any case in which a Regional Administrator position of the Agency has been vacant for at least 90 days, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 7, 2026

Ms. LETLOW 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 “No Delays in Disaster
5 Relief Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ACTING REGIONAL ADMINISTRATORS OF FEDERAL**
2 **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY .**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Administrator of the
4 Federal Emergency Management Agency shall establish a
5 process by which the Administrator appoints an Acting
6 Regional Administrator in any case in which a Regional
7 Administrator position of the Agency has been vacant for
8 at least 90 days.

9 (b) AUTHORITY OF ACTING REGIONAL ADMINIS-
10 TRATOR.—In carrying out subsection (a), the Adminis-
11 trator shall ensure that an Acting Regional Administrator
12 shall have the authority to—

13 (1) make relevant grant and programmatic de-
14 cisions necessary to support the timely obligation
15 and disbursement of funds; and

16 (2) process and disburse Federal grant assist-
17 ance to States and local governments.

18 (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 180 days
19 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator
20 shall submit a report to Congress that includes the fol-
21 lowing:

22 (1) A description of actions taken to implement
23 the delegation of approval authority, including any
24 updates to policy, guidance, or internal controls.

1 (2) Identification of regions of the Agency with
2 vacancies exceeding 180 days and the status of Act-
3 ing Regional Administrator designations.

4 (3) The scope of authorities delegated to Acting
5 Regional Administrators and any limitations placed
6 on such authorities.

7 (4) Data on grant processing and award
8 timelines before and after implementation, including
9 any measurable improvements in timeliness of obli-
10 gations and disbursements.

11 (5) An assessment of the impact of delegated
12 authority on program efficiency, internal controls,
13 and risk management.

14 (6) Any challenges encountered in implementa-
15 tion, including legal, operational, or staffing con-
16 straints, and steps taken to address them.

17 (7) Any recommendations for legislative or ad-
18 ministrative changes needed to further improve the
19 timely delivery of Federal assistance of the Agency.

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