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To amend the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to authorize communities to use community development block grant funds for construction of tornado-safe shelters in manufactured home parks.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 3, 2001

Mr. HUTCHINSON introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

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 “Tornado Shelters Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. CDBG ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 105(a) of the Housing

7 and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C.

8 5305(a)) is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (22), by striking “and” at the
2 end;

3 (2) in paragraph (23), by striking the period at
4 the end and inserting a semicolon; and

5 (3) by inserting after paragraph (23) the fol-
6 lowing:

7 “(24) the construction or improvement of
8 tornado- or storm-safe shelters for manufactured
9 housing parks and residents of other manufactured
10 housing, the acquisition of real property for sites for
11 such shelters, and the provision of assistance (in-
12 cluding loans and grants) to nonprofit or for-profit
13 entities (including owners of such parks) for such
14 construction, improvement, or acquisition, except
15 that a shelter assisted with amounts made available
16 pursuant to this paragraph—

17 “(A) shall be located in a neighborhood
18 consisting predominantly of persons of low- and
19 moderate-income; and

20 “(B) may not be made available exclusively
21 for use of the residents of a particular manu-
22 factured housing park or of other manufactured
23 housing, but shall generally serve the residents
24 of the area in which it is located; and”.

1 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—In addi-
2 tion to any amounts otherwise made available for grants
3 under title I of the Housing and Community Development
4 Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.), there is authorized
5 to be appropriated for assistance only for activities pursu-
6 ant to section 105(a)(24) of that Act, \$50,000,000 for fis-
7 cal year 2002.

8 **SEC. 3. USE OF AMERICAN PRODUCTS.**

9 (a) PURCHASE OF AMERICAN-MADE EQUIPMENT
10 AND PRODUCTS.—It is the sense of the Congress that, to
11 the greatest extent practicable, all equipment and products
12 purchased with funds made available for the activities au-
13 thorized under the amendments made by this Act should
14 be American-made.

15 (b) NOTICE REQUIREMENT.—In providing financial
16 assistance to, or entering into any contract with, any enti-
17 ty using funds made available for the activities authorized
18 under the amendments made by this Act, the Secretary
19 of Housing and Urban Development, to the greatest ex-
20 tent practicable, shall provide to that entity a notice de-
21 scribing the statement made in subsection (a) by the Con-
22 gress.

