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H. R. 3422

To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to ensure that certain tenants are able to return to affordable housing after a major disaster.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 3, 2007

Mrs. LOWEY (for herself and Mr. HIGGINS) 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. ASSISTANCE FOR LANDLORDS OF LOW- TO**

4 **MODERATE-INCOME TENANTS.**

5 Section 406 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief

6 and Emergency Assistance Act is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a)(1)—

1 (A) by striking “and” at the end of sub-
2 paragraph (A);

3 (B) by striking the period at the end of
4 subparagraph (B) and inserting “; and”;

5 (C) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(C) subject to paragraph (5), to a person
7 who owns or operates rental dwelling units de-
8 scribed in such paragraph, made available for
9 occupancy only by low- or moderate-income ten-
10 ants as defined by the Administrator, damaged
11 or destroyed by a major disaster for the repair,
12 restoration, reconstruction, or replacement of
13 the dwelling units.”;

14 (2) at the end of subsection (a), by adding the
15 following:

16 “(5) CONDITIONS FOR ASSISTANCE TO OWNERS
17 OR OPERATORS OF CERTAIN DWELLING UNITS.—The
18 President may make contributions to a person who
19 owns or operates rental dwelling units if—

20 “(A) before the disaster the units were
21 made available for occupancy only by low- or
22 moderate-income tenants as determined by the
23 Administrator;

24 “(B) the owner or operator will continue
25 for a minimum period of time determined by

1 the Administrator to make available rental
2 dwelling units for occupancy only by low- or
3 moderate-income tenants; and

4 “(C) the owner or operator has applied for
5 a disaster loan under section 7(b) of the Small
6 Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(b)) and has been
7 determined to be ineligible for such a loan or
8 has obtained such a loan in the maximum
9 amount for which the Small Business Adminis-
10 tration determines the owner or operator is eli-
11 gible.”;

12 (3) in subsection (b)(2) by inserting “, dwelling
13 unit,” after “public facility.”;

14 (4) in subsection (d)(1) by striking “or” and in-
15 serting “, dwelling units, or a”; and

16 (5) in subsection (e)(1)(A) by inserting “,
17 dwelling unit,” after “public facility”.

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