H. R. 4689

To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to increase the maximum amount of assistance to individuals and households, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 13, 2007

Ms. Loretta Sanchez of California (for herself and Mrs. Tauscher) 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 Rebuilding
 - 5 Assistance Act of 2007".

1 SEC. 2. DISASTER RELIEF.

- 2 (a) In General.—Section 408(h)(1) of the Robert
- 3 T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act
- 4 (42 U.S.C. 5174(h)(1)) is amended—
- 5 (1) by striking "\$25,000" and inserting
- 6 "\$50,000"; and
- 7 (2) by inserting before the period at the end the
- 8 following: ", except that the President may increase
- 9 the amount of financial assistance that may be re-
- 10 ceived under this section for an individual or house-
- 11 hold residing in a State or political subdivision of a
- 12 State with a high cost of living (as determined by
- the President)".
- 14 (b) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
- 15 this Act shall apply to any major disaster (as that term
- 16 is defined in section 102 of the Robert T. Stafford Dis-
- 17 aster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
- 18 5122)) declared on or after October 21, 2007.

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