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H. R. 5242

To direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to establish a disaster recovery assistance program for businesses, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 6, 2010

Mr. COURTNEY 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 “Business Disaster Re-
5 covery Assistance Act of 2010”.

6 **SEC. 2. BUSINESS DISASTER RECOVERY ASSISTANCE PRO-**
7 **GRAM.**

8 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 30 days after
9 the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of

1 the Federal Emergency Management Agency shall estab-
2 lish a program to assist covered entities affected by a
3 major disaster.

4 (b) GRANT AUTHORITY.—In carrying out the pro-
5 gram under subsection (a), the Administrator is author-
6 ized to make a grant to a covered entity to assist the fol-
7 lowing:

8 (1) The repair or replacement of property
9 owned by the entity and damaged as a direct result
10 of a major disaster, including real estate, inventory,
11 supplies, machinery, and equipment.

12 (2) The meeting of ordinary and necessary fi-
13 nancial obligations of the entity that, as a direct re-
14 sult of a major disaster, might not otherwise be met.

15 (c) APPLICATION PROCESS.—The Administrator
16 shall establish a process for the submission of applications
17 for grants under subsection (b).

18 (d) GRANT AMOUNT.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—A grant made to a covered
20 entity under subsection (b) shall be in an amount
21 not exceeding \$28,000.

22 (2) ADJUSTMENT OF LIMIT.—The Adminis-
23 trator shall adjust annually the limit established
24 under paragraph (1) to reflect changes in the Con-

1 sumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers pub-
2 lished by the Department of Labor.

3 (e) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER LAW.—Nothing in this
4 section may be construed to prohibit a recipient of a grant
5 under subsection (b) from receiving assistance under any
6 other Federal law.

7 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act, the following defini-
8 tions apply:

9 (1) COVERED ENTITY.—The term “covered en-
10 tity” means a business or private nonprofit organi-
11 zation operating in an area with respect to which the
12 President declared, during the 60-day period pre-
13 ceding the date the entity submitted an application
14 under subsection (c), a major disaster under section
15 401 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and
16 Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170).

17 (2) MAJOR DISASTER.—The term “major dis-
18 aster” has the meaning given that term in section
19 102 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 5122).

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