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To enable the Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information of the Department of Commerce to resume timely processing and distribution of TV converter box coupons by increasing its fiscal authority to make payments, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 22, 2009

Mr. GREGG introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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 “TV Converter Box
5 Coupon Program Relief Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY OF NTIA TO ISSUE TV**
2 **CONVERTER BOX COUPONS.**

3 Section 3005 of the Digital Television Transition and
4 Public Safety Act of 2005 (Public Law 109–171; 120
5 Stat. 23) is amended by adding at the end the following:

6 “(e) **AUTHORITY TO ACCESS ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS**
7 **FROM DIGITAL TELEVISION TRANSITION AND PUBLIC**
8 **SAFETY FUND.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of
9 law and in addition to any amounts permitted to be used
10 by this section prior to the date of enactment of the TV
11 Converter Box Coupon Program Relief Act, the Assistant
12 Secretary may make payments of not to exceed
13 \$250,000,000 from the Digital Television Transition and
14 Public Safety Fund—

15 “(1) to continue to carry out the digital-to-ana-
16 log converter box coupon program established under
17 this section; and

18 “(2) to cover administrative expenses of the
19 program.”.

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