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H. R. 8950

To expand the permissible uses of amounts provided under the Coronavirus Relief Fund.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 10, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania (for himself and Ms. DEAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform

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 “Coronavirus Relief
5 Fund Expansion Act of 2020”.

6 **SEC. 2. USE OF AMOUNTS PROVIDED UNDER THE**
7 **CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 601(d) of the Social Secu-
9 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 801(d)) is amended to read as follows:

1 “(d) USE OF FUNDS.—A State, Tribal government,
 2 and unit of local government shall use the funds provided
 3 under a payment made under this section to—

4 “(1) cover only those costs of the State, Tribal
 5 government, or unit of local government that—

6 “(A) are necessary expenditures incurred
 7 due to the public health emergency with respect
 8 to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID–19);

9 “(B) were not accounted for in the budget
 10 most recently approved as of the date of enact-
 11 ment of this section for the State or govern-
 12 ment; and

13 “(C) were incurred during the period that
 14 begins on January 31, 2020, and ends on De-
 15 cember 31, 2021; or

16 “(2) replace lost, delayed, or decreased revenues
 17 for emergency services organizations, stemming from
 18 the public health emergency with respect to the
 19 coronavirus disease (COVID–19).”.

20 (b) DEFINITION OF EMERGENCY SERVICES ORGANI-
 21 ZATION.—Section 601(g) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 801(g))
 22 is amended by adding at the end the following:

23 “(6) EMERGENCY SERVICES ORGANIZATION.—
 24 The term ‘emergency services organization’ means
 25 an organization described in section 501(c) of the

1 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from
2 taxation under section 501(a) of such Code that—

3 “(A) is organized and operated to provide
4 firefighting or emergency medical services for
5 persons in the State, Tribal government, or unit
6 of local government, as the case may be, and

7 “(B) is required (by written agreement) by
8 the State, Tribal government, or unit of local
9 government to furnish firefighting or emergency
10 medical services in such State, Tribal govern-
11 ment, or unit of local government.”.

12 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
13 subsection (a) shall take effect as if included in the enact-
14 ment of the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136).

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