### 116TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

# S. 1415

To require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to immediately release certain grant funds awarded for mitigation activities under the Community Development Block Grant program, and for other purposes.

### IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

May 9, 2019

Mr. Manchin (for himself, Mr. Cornyn, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Tillis, and Ms. Harris) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

## 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 "Bipartisan Disaster
- 5 Recovery Funding Act of 2019".

#### SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

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- (1) Funding for mitigation activities was appropriated to the Department of Housing and Urban Development by Congress in February 2018 under the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 (Public Law 115–123; 132 Stat. 64).
- 8 (2) The Secretary of Housing and Urban Devel-9 opment told Congress that the funding described in 10 paragraph (1) would be released by May 1, 2019.
- 11 (3) May 1, 2019, has come and gone with no 12 official explanation as to the reason for the contin-13 ued delay in releasing the funds.

### 14 SEC. 3. REQUIREMENT.

- For all amounts made available for mitigation activi-
- 16 ties under the heading "Department of Housing and
- 17 Urban Development—Community Planning and Develop-
- 18 ment—Community Development Fund" in Public Law
- 19 115-123, and awarded as grants by the Secretary of
- 20 Housing and Urban Development, the Director of the Of-
- 21 fice of Management and Budget shall, not later than 60
- 22 days after the date of enactment of this Act, release such
- 23 amounts awarded to all eligible grantees, regardless of any
- 24 further studies as may be otherwise required by law.