

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 3556

To amend the Small Business Act to modify application deadlines and communication requirements for certain disaster assistance, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 21, 2025

Mr. NEGUSE (for himself and Mr. EDWARDS) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Small Business

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## A BILL

To amend the Small Business Act to modify application deadlines and communication requirements for certain disaster assistance, and for other purposes.

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. MODIFICATION TO APPLICATION DEADLINES**  
4 **AND COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR**  
5 **CERTAIN DISASTER ASSISTANCE.**

6 Section 7(b) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.  
7 636(b)) is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (4)—

9 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

1 (i) by striking “correspond with appli-  
2 cation deadlines” and inserting “end on  
3 the date that is 60 days after any applica-  
4 tion deadlines that are”; and

5 (ii) by striking “, or as” and inserting  
6 “or that are”;

7 (B) by adding at the end the following new  
8 subparagraphs:

9 “(C) LATE APPLICATIONS.—The Adminis-  
10 trator may accept an application for disaster re-  
11 lief relating to a major disaster under this para-  
12 graph at any time after the deadline in sub-  
13 paragraph (A) if the applicant demonstrates  
14 good cause for the late submission.”; and

15 (C) in subparagraph (B), in the matter  
16 preceding clause (i), by striking “and the Com-  
17 mittee on Small Business of the House of Rep-  
18 resentatives” and inserting “, the Committee on  
19 Small Business of the House of Representa-  
20 tives, and each office of a Member of Congress  
21 that represents a district in which a major dis-  
22 aster has occurred”; and

23 (2) in paragraph (5), in the matter preceding  
24 subparagraph (A), by inserting “and to commu-  
25 nicate to each office of a Member of Congress that

- 1 represents a district in which a major disaster has
- 2 occurred,” after “web-based outlets,”.

