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# H. R. 4987

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 5, 2019

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER (for herself and Mr. HIGGINS of New York) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

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## 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 “Fire Department Prop-  
5 er Response and Equipment Prioritization Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SUPPORT FOR FIREFIGHTERS FOR CRUDE OIL-BY-**  
2 **RAIL AND ETHANOL-BY-RAIL DERAILMENT**  
3 **AND INCIDENT RESPONSE.**

4 Section 33(c) of the Federal Fire Prevention and  
5 Control Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 2229(c)) is amended by  
6 adding at the end the following new paragraph:

7 “(4) PRIORITY.—The Administrator of FEMA  
8 shall, in carrying out this section, give high priority  
9 consideration to grants providing for planning, train-  
10 ing, and equipment to firefighters for crude oil-by-  
11 rail and ethanol-by-rail derailment and incident re-  
12 sponse.”.

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