

117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 5072

To authorize use of rental assistance amounts for individuals and families from Afghanistan, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 23, 2021

Mr. BERA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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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 “Housing for Afghan  
5 Allies Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. USE OF EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE.**

7 (a) FISCAL YEAR 2021 CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIA-  
8 TIONS ACT FUNDS.—Subsection (c) of section 501 of sub-  
9 title A of title V of division N of the Consolidated Appro-

1 priations Act, 2021 (15 U.S.C. 9058a(e)) is amended by  
2 adding at the end the following new paragraph:

3           “(5) USE FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES  
4 FROM AFGHANISTAN.—Notwithstanding any other  
5 provision of this section, an eligible grantee may use  
6 not more than 25 percent of funds provided from a  
7 payment made under this section to provide financial  
8 assistance to pay rent, utilities, and home energy  
9 costs for any individual who is, or any household  
10 comprised of members who—

11                   “(A) are citizens or nationals of Afghani-  
12 stan;

13                   “(B) are present within the United States;  
14 and

15                   “(C) have—

16                           “(i) been granted special immigrant  
17 status as described in section 602(b) of the  
18 Afghan Allies Protection Act of 2009 (8  
19 U.S.C. 1101 note); or

20                           “(ii) received Priority 2 (P-2) refugee  
21 designation.”.

22           (b) ARPA FUNDS.—Subsection (d) of section 3201  
23 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (15 U.S.C.  
24 9058c(d)) is amended by adding at the end the following  
25 new paragraph:

1           “(3) USE FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES  
2 FROM AFGHANISTAN.—Notwithstanding any other  
3 provision of this section, an eligible grantee may use  
4 not more than 25 percent of funds provided from a  
5 payment made under this section to provide financial  
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