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To provide mortgage relief and to provide eviction relief for renters related to the COVID-19 pandemic, and for other purposes.

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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 "Rent Emergencies
- 5 Leave Impacts on Evicted Families Act" or the "RELIEF
- 6 Act".
- 7 SEC. 2. MORTGAGE RELIEF.
- 8 (a) Short Title.—This section may be cited as the
- 9 "COVID-19 Mortgage Relief Act".
- 10 (b) Mortgage Relief.—

1	(1) Forbearance and foreclosure mora-
2	TORIUM FOR COVERED MORTGAGE LOANS.—Section
3	4022 of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9056) is
4	amended—
5	(A) by striking "Federally backed mort-
6	gage loan" each place such term appears and
7	inserting "covered mortgage loan"; and
8	(B) in subsection (a)—
9	(i) by amending paragraph (2) to read
10	as follows:
11	"(2) COVERED MORTGAGE LOAN.—The term
12	'covered mortgage loan'—
13	"(A) means any credit transaction that is
14	secured by a mortgage, deed of trust, or other
15	equivalent consensual security interest on—
16	"(i) a 1- to 4-unit dwelling or on resi-
17	dential real property that includes a 1- to
18	4-unit dwelling;
19	"(ii) a manufactured home; or
20	"(iii) a covered recreational vehicle;
21	and
22	"(B) does not include a credit transaction
23	under an open end credit plan other than a re-
24	verse mortgage."; and

1	(ii) by adding at the end the fol-
2	lowing:
3	"(3) COVERED PERIOD.—The term 'covered pe-
4	riod' means the 12-month period beginning on the
5	date of enactment of this Act.
6	"(4) COVERED RECREATIONAL VEHICLE.—The
7	term "'covered recreational vehicle" means a rec-
8	reational vehicle that is—
9	"(A) rented or leased to a tenant by the
10	owner; and
11	"(B) occupied by the tenant as the resi-
12	dence of the tenant.
13	"(5) Manufactured home.—The term 'man-
14	ufactured home' has the meaning given the term in
15	section 603 of the National Manufactured Housing
16	Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 (42
17	U.S.C. 5402).".
18	(2) Automatic forbearance for delin-
19	QUENT BORROWERS.—Section 4022(c) of the
20	CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9056(c)) is amended by in-
21	serting after paragraph (8), as added by paragraph
22	(5) of this subsection, the following:
23	"(9) Automatic forbearance for delin-
24	QUENT BORROWERS.—

1	"(A) In General.—Notwithstanding any
2	other law governing forbearance relief—
3	"(i) any borrower whose covered mort-
4	gage loan became 60 days delinquent be-
5	tween March 13, 2020, and the date of en-
6	actment of this paragraph, and who has
7	not already received a forbearance under
8	subsection (b), shall automatically be
9	granted a 60-day forbearance that begins
10	on the date of enactment of this para-
11	graph, provided that a borrower shall not
12	be considered delinquent for purposes of
13	this paragraph while making timely pay-
14	ments or otherwise performing under a
15	trial modification or other loss mitigation
16	agreement; and
17	"(ii) any borrower whose covered
18	mortgage loan becomes 60 days delinquent
19	between the date of enactment of this
20	paragraph and the end of the covered pe-
21	riod, and who has not already received a
22	forbearance under subsection (b), shall
23	automatically be granted a 60-day forbear-
24	ance that begins on the 60th day of delin-

quency, provided that a borrower shall not

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be considered delinquent for purposes of this paragraph while making timely payments or otherwise performing under a trial modification or other loss mitigation agreement.

"(B) Initial extension.—An automatic forbearance provided under subparagraph (A) shall be extended for up to an additional 120 days upon the request of the borrower, oral or written, submitted to the servicer of the borrower affirming that the borrower is experiencing a financial hardship that prevents the borrower from making timely payments on the covered mortgage loan due, directly or indirectly, to the COVID-19 emergency.

"(C) Subsequent extension.—A forbearance extended under subparagraph (B) shall be extended for up to an additional 180 days, up to a maximum of 360 days (including the period of automatic forbearance), upon the borrower's request, oral or written, submitted to the borrower's servicer affirming that the borrower is experiencing a financial hardship that prevents the borrower from making timely payments on the covered mortgage loan due, di-

1	rectly or indirectly, to the COVID-19 emer-
2	gency.
3	"(D) RIGHT TO ELECT TO CONTINUE MAK-
4	ING PAYMENTS.—
5	"(i) In general.—With respect to a
6	forbearance provided under this paragraph,
7	the borrower of the covered mortgage loan
8	may elect to continue making regular pay-
9	ments on the covered mortgage loan.
10	"(ii) Loss mitigation.—A borrower
11	who makes an election described in clause
12	(i) shall be offered a loss mitigation option
13	pursuant to subsection (d) within 30 days
14	of resuming regular payments to address
15	any payment deficiency during the forbear-
16	ance.
17	"(E) RIGHT TO SHORTEN FORBEAR-
18	ANCE.—
19	"(i) In general.—At the request of
20	a borrower, any period of forbearance pro-
21	vided to the borrower under this paragraph
22	may be shortened.
23	"(ii) Loss mitigation.—A borrower
24	who makes a request under clause (i) shall
25	be offered a loss mitigation option pursu-

1	ant to subsection (d) within 30 days of re-
2	suming regular payments to address any
3	payment deficiency during the forbearance.
4	"(10) Automatic forbearance for certain
5	REVERSE MORTGAGE LOANS.—
6	"(A) IN GENERAL.—When any covered
7	mortgage loan that is also a federally insured
8	reverse mortgage loan, during the covered pe-
9	riod, is due and payable due to the death of the
10	last borrower or end of a deferral period or eli-
11	gible to be called due and payable due to a
12	property charge default, or if the borrower de-
13	faults on a property charge repayment plan, or
14	if the borrower defaults for failure to complete
15	property repairs, or if an obligation of the bor-
16	rower under the Security Instrument is not per-
17	formed, the mortgagee automatically shall be
18	granted a 6-month extension of—
19	"(i) the mortgagee's deadline to re-
20	quest due and payable status from the De-
21	partment of Housing and Urban Develop-
22	ment;
23	"(ii) the mortgagee's deadline to send
24	notification to the mortgagor or his or her
25	heirs that the loan is due and payable;

1	"(iii) the deadline to initiate fore-
2	closure;
3	"(iv) any reasonable diligence period
4	related to foreclosure or the Mortgagee Op-
5	tional Election;
6	"(v) if applicable, the deadline to ob-
7	tain the due and payable appraisal; and
8	"(vi) any claim submission deadline,
9	including the 6-month acquired property
10	marketing period.
11	"(B) Forbearance Period.—The mort-
12	gagee shall not request due and payable status
13	from the Secretary of Housing and Urban De-
14	velopment nor initiate foreclosure during this 6-
15	month period described in subparagraph (A),
16	which shall be considered a forbearance period.
17	"(C) Extension.—A forbearance provided
18	under subparagraph (B) and related deadline
19	extension authorized under subparagraph (A)
20	shall be extended for an additional 180 days
21	upon—
22	"(i) the request of the borrower, oral
23	or written, submitted to the servicer o the
24	borrower affirming that the borrower is ex-
25	periencing a financial hardship that pre-

1	vents the borrower from making payments
2	on property charges, completing property
3	repairs, or performing an obligation of the
4	borrower under the Security Instrument
5	due, directly or indirectly, to the COVID-
6	19 emergency;
7	"(ii) the request of a non-borrowing
8	spouse, oral or written, submitted to the
9	servicer affirming that the non-borrowing
10	spouse has been unable to satisfy all cri-
11	teria for the Mortgagee Optional Election
12	program due, directly or indirectly, to the
13	COVID-19 emergency, or to perform all
14	actions necessary to become an eligible
15	non-borrowing spouse following the death
16	of all borrowers; or
17	"(iii) the request of a successor-in-in-
18	terest of the borrower, oral or written, sub-
19	mitted to the servicer affirming the dif-
20	ficulty of the heir in satisfying the reverse
21	mortgage loan due, directly or indirectly,
22	to the COVID-19 emergency.
23	"(D) CURTAILMENT OF DEBENTURE IN-
24	TEREST.—Where any covered mortgage loan
25	that is also a federally insured reverse mortgage

loan is in default during the covered period and subject to a prior event which provides for curtailment of debenture interest in connection with a claim for insurance benefits, the curtailment of debenture interest shall be suspended during any forbearance period provided herein.".

(3) Additional foreclosure and repossession protections.—Section 4022(c) of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9056(c)) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (2), by striking "may not initiate any judicial or non-judicial foreclosure process, move for a foreclosure judgment or order of sale, or execute a foreclosure-related eviction or foreclosure sale for not less than the 60-day period beginning on March 18, 2020" and inserting "may not initiate or proceed with any judicial or non-judicial foreclosure process, schedule a foreclosure sale, move for a foreclosure judgment or order of sale, execute a foreclosure related eviction or foreclosure sale for 6 months after the date of enactment of the COVID–19 Mortgage Relief Act"; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

1	"(3) Repossession moratorium.—In the case
2	of personal property, including any recreational or
3	motor vehicle, used as a dwelling, no person may use
4	any judicial or non-judicial procedure to repossess or
5	otherwise take possession of the property for the 6-
6	month period beginning on the date of enactment of
7	this paragraph.".
8	(4) Mortgage forbearance reforms.—Sec-
9	tion 4022 of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9056) is
10	amended—
11	(A) in subsection (b), by striking para-
12	graphs (1), (2), and (3) and inserting the fol-
13	lowing:
14	"(1) In general.—During the covered period,
15	a borrower with a covered mortgage loan who has
16	not obtained automatic forbearance pursuant to this
17	section and who is experiencing a financial hardship
18	that prevents the borrower from making timely pay-
19	ments on the covered mortgage loan due, directly or
20	indirectly, to the COVID-19 emergency may request
21	forbearance on the covered mortgage loan, regard-
22	less of delinquency status, by—
23	"(A) submitting a request, orally or in
24	writing, to the servicer of the covered mortgage
25	loan: and

"(B) affirming that the borrower is experiencing a financial hardship that prevents the borrower from making timely payments on the covered mortgage loan due, directly or indirectly, to the COVID-19 emergency.

"(2) Duration of Forbearance.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—Upon a request by a borrower to a servicer for forbearance under paragraph (1), the forbearance shall be granted by the servicer for the period requested by the borrower, up to an initial length not more than 180 days, the length of which shall be extended by the servicer, at the request of the borrower for the period or periods requested, for a total forbearance period of not more than 12 months.

"(B) MINIMUM FORBEARANCE AMOUNTS.—For purposes of granting a forbearance under this paragraph, a servicer may grant an initial forbearance with a term of not less than 90 days, provided that it is automatically extended for an additional 90 days unless the servicer confirms the borrower does not want to renew the forbearance or that the borrower is no longer experiencing a financial hardship that prevents the borrower from mak-

1	ing timely mortgage payments due, directly or
2	indirectly, to the COVID-19 emergency.
3	"(C) RIGHT TO SHORTEN FORBEAR-
4	ANCE.—
5	"(i) In general.—At the request of
6	a borrower, any period of forbearance de-
7	scribed under this paragraph may be
8	shortened.
9	"(ii) Loss mitigation.—A borrower
10	who makes a request under clause (i) shall
11	be offered a loss mitigation option pursu-
12	ant to subsection (d) within 30 days of re-
13	suming regular payments to address any
14	payment deficiency during the forbearance.
15	"(3) Accrual of interest or fees.—A
16	servicer shall not charge a borrower any fees, pen-
17	alties, or interest (beyond the amounts scheduled or
18	calculated as if the borrower made all contractual
19	payments on time and in full under the terms of the
20	mortgage contract) in connection with a forbearance,
21	provided that a servicer may offer the borrower a
22	modification option at the end of a forbearance pe-
23	riod granted hereunder that includes the capitaliza-
24	tion of past due principal and interest and escrow
25	payments as long as the principal and interest pay-

1	ment of the borrower under such modification re-
2	mains at or below the contractual principal and in-
3	terest payments owed under the terms of the mort-
4	gage contract before such forbearance period except
5	as the result of a change in the index of an adjust-
6	able rate mortgage.
7	"(4) Communication with servicers.—Any
8	communication between a borrower and a servicer
9	described in this section may be made in writing or
10	orally, at the election of the borrower.
11	"(5) Communication with Borrowers with
12	A DISABILITY.—
13	"(A) In general.—Upon request from a
14	borrower, servicers shall communicate with bor-
15	rowers who have a disability in the preferred
16	method of communication of the borrower.
17	"(B) DEFINITION.—In this paragraph, the
18	term 'disability' has the meaning given the
19	term—
20	"(i) 'handicap' in section 802 of the
21	Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3602);
22	"(ii) in section 3 of the Americans
23	with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C.
24	12102); or

1	"(iii) section 7 of the Rehabilitation
2	Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 705."; and
3	(B) in subsection (c), by amending para-
4	graph (1) to read as follows:
5	"(1) No documentation required.—A
6	servicer of a covered mortgage loan shall not require
7	any documentation with respect to a forbearance
8	under this section other than the oral or written af-
9	firmation of the borrower to a financial hardship
10	that prevents the borrower from making timely pay-
11	ments on the covered mortgage loan due, directly or
12	indirectly, to the COVID-19 emergency. An oral re-
13	quest for forbearance and oral affirmation of hard-
14	ship by the borrower shall be sufficient for the bor-
15	rower to obtain or extend a forbearance.".
16	(5) Other servicer requirements during
17	FORBEARANCE.—Section 4022(c) of the CARES Act
18	(15 U.S.C. 9056(c)), as amended by paragraph (3)
19	of this subsection, is amended by adding at the end
20	the following:
21	"(4) Forbearance terms notice.—Within
22	30 days of a servicer of a covered mortgage loan
23	providing forbearance to a borrower under sub-
24	section (b) or paragraph (9) or (10), or 10 days if

the forbearance is for a term of less than 60 days,

1	but only where the forbearance was provided in re-
2	sponse to a request by the borrower for forbearance
3	or when an automatic forbearance was initially pro-
4	vided under paragraph (9) or (10), and not when an
5	existing forbearance is automatically extended, the
6	servicer shall provide the borrower with a notice in
7	accordance with the terms in paragraph (5).
8	"(5) Contents of Notice.—The written no-
9	tice required under paragraph (4) shall state in
10	plain language—
11	"(A) the specific terms of the forbearance;
12	"(B) the beginning and ending dates of the
13	forbearance;
14	"(C) that the borrower is eligible for not
15	more than 12 months of forbearance;
16	"(D) that the borrower may request an ex-
17	tension of the forbearance unless the borrower
18	will have reached the maximum period at the
19	end of the forbearance;
20	"(E) that the borrower may request that
21	the initial or extended period be shortened at
22	any time;
23	"(F) that the borrower should contact the
24	servicer before the end of the forbearance pe-
25	riod:

1	"(G) a description of the loss mitigation
2	options that may be available to the borrower at
3	the end of the forbearance period based on the
4	specific covered mortgage loan of the borrower
5	"(H) information on how to find a housing
6	counseling agency approved by the Department
7	of Housing and Urban Development;
8	"(I) in the case of a forbearance provided
9	pursuant to paragraph (9) or (10), that the for-
10	bearance was automatically provided and how
11	to contact the servicer to make arrangements
12	for further assistance, including any renewal
13	and
14	"(J) where applicable, that the forbearance
15	is subject to an automatic extension, including
16	the terms of any such automatic extensions and
17	when any further extension would require a bor-
18	rower request.
19	"(6) Treatment of escrow accounts.—
20	During any forbearance provided under this section
21	a servicer shall pay or advance funds to make dis-
22	bursements in a timely manner from any escrow ac-
23	count established on the covered mortgage loan.
24	"(7) Notification for Borrowers.—During
25	the period beginning on the date that is 90 days

after the date of the enactment of this paragraph and ending on the last day of the covered period, each servicer of a covered mortgage loan shall be required to—

"(A) make available in a clear and conspicuous manner on their web page accurate information, in English and in the top 10 most widely spoken languages used by limited English proficient borrowers, for borrowers regarding the availability of forbearance as provided under subsection (b); and

"(B) notify every borrower whose payments on a covered mortgage loan are delinquent in any oral communication with or to the borrower that the borrower may be eligible to request forbearance as provided under subsection (b), except that such notice shall not be required if the borrower already has requested forbearance under subsection (b).

"(8) CERTAIN TREATMENT UNDER RESPA.—As long as a payment of a borrower on a covered mortgage loan was not more than 30 days delinquent on March 13, 2020, a servicer may not deem the borrower as delinquent while a forbearance granted under subsection (b) is in effect for purposes of the

application of sections 6 and 10 of the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (12 U.S.C. 2605, 2609) and any applicable regulations.".

(6) Post-forbearance loss mitigation.—

(A) AMENDMENT TO CARES ACT.—Section 4022 of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9056) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(d) Post-Forbearance Loss Mitigation.—

"(1) Notice of availability of additional FORBEARANCE.—With respect to any covered mortgage loan as to which forbearance under this section has been granted and not otherwise extended, including by automatic extension, a servicer shall, not later than 30 days before the end of the forbearance period, in writing, notify the borrower that additional forbearance may be available and how to request such forbearance, except that no such notice is required where the borrower already has requested an extension of the forbearance period, is subject to automatic extension subsection pursuant to (b)(2)(B), or no additional forbearance is available.

"(2) Loss mitigation offer before expiration of forbearance.—Not later than 30 days before the end of any forbearance period that has not been extended or 30 days after a request by a

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1	consumer to terminate the forbearance, which time
2	shall be before the servicer initiates or engages in
3	any foreclosure activity listed in subsection $(c)(2)$,
4	including incurring or charging to a borrower any
5	fees or corporate advances related to a foreclosure,
6	the servicer shall, in writing—
7	"(A) offer the borrower a loss mitigation
8	option, without the charging of any fees or pen-
9	alties other than interest, such that the prin-
10	cipal and interest payment of the borrower re-
11	mains the same as it was prior to the forbear-
12	ance, subject to any adjustment of the index
13	pursuant to the terms of an adjustable rate
14	mortgage, and that—
15	"(i) defers the payment of total ar-
16	rearages, including any escrow advances,
17	to the end of the existing term of the loan,
18	without the charging or collection of any
19	additional interest on the deferred
20	amounts; or
21	"(ii) extends the term of the mortgage
22	loan, and capitalizes, defers, or forgives all
23	escrow advances and other arrearages,
24	provided, however, that the servicer may offer
25	the borrower a loss mitigation option that re-

duces the principal and interest payment on the loan and capitalizes, defers, or forgives all escrow advances or arrearages if the servicer has information indicating that the borrower cannot resume the pre-forbearance mortgage payments; and

"(B) concurrent with the loss mitigation offer in subparagraph (A), notify the borrower that the borrower has the right to be evaluated for other loss mitigation options if the borrower is not able to make the payment under the option offered in subparagraph (A).

"(3) EVALUATION FOR LOSS MITIGATION PRIOR
TO FORECLOSURE INITIATION.—Before a servicer
may initiate or engage in any foreclosure activity
listed in subsection (c)(2), including incurring or
charging to a borrower any fees or corporate advances related to a foreclosure on the basis that the
borrower has failed to perform under the loss mitigation offer in paragraph (2)(A) within the first 90
days after the option is offered, including a failure
to accept the loss mitigation offer in paragraph
(2)(A), the servicer shall—

1	"(A) unless the borrower has already sub-
2	mitted a complete application that the servicer
3	is reviewing—
4	"(i) notify the borrower in writing of
5	the documents and information, if any,
6	needed by the servicer to enable the
7	servicer to consider the borrower for all
8	available loss mitigation options; and
9	"(ii) exercise reasonable diligence to
10	obtain the documents and information
11	needed to complete the loss mitigation ap-
12	plication of the borrower; and
13	"(B) upon receipt of a complete applica-
14	tion or if, despite the exercise by the servicer of
15	reasonable diligence, the loss mitigation applica-
16	tion remains incomplete 60 days after the no-
17	tice in paragraph (2)(A) is sent—
18	"(i) conduct an evaluation of the com-
19	plete or incomplete loss mitigation applica-
20	tion without reference to whether the bor-
21	rower has previously submitted a complete
22	loss mitigation application; and
23	"(ii) offer the borrower all available
24	loss mitigation options for which the bor-
25	rower qualifies under applicable investor

1	guidelines, including guidelines regarding
2	required documentation.
3	"(4) Effect on future requests for loss
4	MITIGATION REVIEW.—An application, offer, or eval-
5	uation for loss mitigation under this section shall
6	not be the basis for the denial of an application of
7	a borrower as duplicative or for a reduction in the
8	appeal rights of the borrower under Regulation X in
9	part 1024 of title 12, Code of Federal Regulations,
10	in regard to any loss mitigation application sub-
11	mitted after the servicer has complied with the re-
12	quirements of paragraphs (2) and (3).
13	"(5) Safe Harbor.—Any loss mitigation op-
14	tion authorized by the Federal National Mortgage
15	Association, the Federal Home Loan Corporation, or
16	the Federal Housing Administration shall be deemed
17	to comply with the requirements of paragraph
18	(1)(B) if the loss mitigation option—
19	"(A) defers the payment of total arrear-
20	ages, including any escrow advances, to the end
21	of the existing term of the loan, without the
22	charging or collection of any additional interest
23	on the deferred amounts; or
24	"(B) extends the term of the mortgage
25	loan, and capitalizes, defers, or forgives all es-

1	crow advances and other arrearages, without
2	the charging of any fees or penalties beyond in-
3	terest on any amount capitalized into the loan
4	principal.
5	"(6) Home retention options for certain
6	REVERSE MORTGAGE LOANS.—
7	"(A) IN GENERAL.—For a covered mort-
8	gage loan that is also a federally insured re-
9	verse mortgage loan, the conduct of a servicer
10	shall be deemed to comply with this section,
11	provided that if the loan is eligible to be called
12	due and payable due to a property charge de-
13	fault, the mortgagee shall, as a precondition to
14	sending a due and payable request to the Sec-
15	retary or initiating or continuing a foreclosure
16	process—
17	"(i) make a good faith effort to com-
18	municate with the borrower regarding
19	available home retention options to cure
20	the property charge default, including en-
21	couraging the borrower to apply for home
22	retention options; and
23	"(ii) consider the borrower for all
24	available home retention options as allowed
25	by the Secretary.

1	"(B) Permissible repayment plans.—
2	The Secretary shall amend the allowable home
3	retention options of the Secretary to permit a
4	repayment plan of not more than 120 months
5	in length, and to permit a repayment plan with-
6	out regard to prior defaults on repayment
7	plans.
8	"(C) Limitation on interest curtail-
9	MENT.—The Secretary may not curtail interest
10	paid to mortgagees who engage in loss mitiga-
11	tion or home retention actions through interest
12	curtailment during such loss mitigation or home
13	retention review or during the period when a
14	loss mitigation or home retention plan is in ef-
15	fect and ending 90 days after any such plan
16	terminates.".
17	(B) Amendment to housing act of
18	1949.—Section 505 of the Housing Act of 1949
19	(42 U.S.C. 1475) is amended—
20	(i) by striking the section heading and
21	inserting "LOSS MITIGATION AND FORE-
22	CLOSURE PROCEDURES";
23	(ii) in subsection (a), by striking the
24	section designation and all that follows

1	through "During any" and inserting the
2	following:
3	"Sec. 505. (a) Moratorium.—(1) In determining
4	the eligibility of a borrower for relief eligibility for relief,
5	the Secretary shall make all eligibility decisions based on
6	the household income, expenses, and circumstances of the
7	borrower.
8	"(2) During any";
9	(iii) by redesignating subsection (b) as
10	subsection (e); and
11	(iv) by inserting after subsection (a)
12	the following:
13	"(b) Loan Modification.—(1) Notwithstanding
14	any other provision of this title, for any loan made under
15	section 502 or 504, the Secretary may modify the interest
16	rate and extend the term of such loan for up to 30 years
17	from the date of such modification.
18	"(2) At the end of any moratorium period granted
19	under this section or under the COVID–19 Mortgage Re-
20	lief Act, the Secretary shall determine whether the bor-
21	rower can reasonably resume making principal and inter-
22	est payments after the Secretary modifies the loan obliga-
23	tion of the borrower obligations in accordance with para-
24	graph (1).".

1	(7) Multifamily mortgage forbearance.—
2	Section 4023 of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9057)
3	is amended—
4	(A) in the section heading, by striking
5	"FEDERALLY BACKED LOANS";
6	(B) by striking "Federally backed multi-
7	family mortgage loan" each place that term ap-
8	pears and inserting "multifamily mortgage
9	loan'';
10	(C) in subsection (b), by striking "during"
11	and inserting "due, directly or indirectly, to";
12	(D) in subsection $(c)(1)$ —
13	(i) in subparagraph (A), by adding
14	"and" at the end; and
15	(ii) by striking subparagraphs (B) and
16	(C) and inserting the following:
17	"(B) provide the forbearance for up to the
18	end of the period described in section
19	4024(b).";
20	(E) by redesignating subsection (f) as sub-
21	section (g);
22	(F) by inserting after subsection (e) the
23	following:
24	"(f) Treatment After Forbearance.—

1	"(1) In general.—With respect to a multi-
2	family mortgage loan provided a forbearance under
3	this section, the servicer of the loan—
4	"(A) shall provide the borrower with a 12-
5	month period beginning at the end of the for-
6	bearance to become current on the payments
7	under the loan;
8	"(B) may not charge any late fees, pen-
9	alties, or other charges with respect to pay-
10	ments on the loan that were due during the for-
11	bearance period, if the payments are made be-
12	fore the end of the 12-month period; and
13	"(C) may not report any adverse informa-
14	tion to a credit rating agency (as defined in sec-
15	tion 603 of the Fair Credit Reporting Act (12
16	U.S.C. 1681a)) with respect to any payments
17	on the loan that were due during the forbear-
18	ance period, if the payments are made before
19	the end of the 12-month period.
20	"(2) Penalty.—A violation of paragraph
21	(1)(C) shall be treated as a violation of the Fair
22	Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) for
23	purposes of subsections (a) and (b) of section 621
24	of that Act (15 U.S.C. 1681s) (relating to adminis-
25	trative enforcement by Federal agencies)."; and

1	(G) in subsection (g), as so redesignated—
2	(i) in paragraph (2)—
3	(I) in the paragraph heading, by
4	striking "Federally backed multi-
5	FAMILY" and inserting "MULTI-
6	FAMILY";
7	(II) by striking "that—" and all
8	that follows through "(A) is secured
9	by" and inserting "that is secured
10	by'';
11	(III) by striking "; and and in-
12	serting a period; and
13	(IV) by striking subparagraph
14	(B); and
15	(ii) by amending paragraph (5) to
16	read as follows:
17	"(5) COVERED PERIOD.—The term 'covered pe-
18	riod' has the meaning given the term in section
19	4022(a)(3).".
20	(8) Renter protections during forbear-
21	ANCE PERIOD.—A borrower that receives a forbear-
22	ance pursuant to section 4022 or 4023 of the
23	CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9056 or 9057) may not, for
24	the duration of the forbearance—

1	(A) evict, initiate, or file and execute the
2	eviction of a tenant solely for nonpayment of
3	rent or other fees or charges; or
4	(B) charge any late fees, penalties, or
5	other charges to a tenant for late payment of
6	rent.
7	(9) Extension of GSE patch.—
8	(A) Non-applicability of existing
9	SUNSET.—Section 1026.43(e)(4)(iii)(B) of title
10	12, Code of Federal Regulations, shall have no
11	force or effect.
12	(B) Extended sunset.—The special
13	rules in section 1026.43(e)(4) of title 12, Code
14	of Federal Regulations, shall apply to covered
15	transactions consummated prior to June 1,
16	2022, or such later date as the Director of the
17	Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection may
18	determine, by rule.
19	(10) Servicer safe harbor from investor
20	LIABILITY.—
21	(A) Safe Harbor.—
22	(i) In general.—A servicer of cov-
23	ered mortgage loans or multifamily mort-
24	gage loans—

1	(I) shall be deemed not to have
2	violated any duty or contractual obli-
3	gation owed to investors or other par-
4	ties regarding those mortgage loans
5	on account of offering or imple-
6	menting in good faith forbearance
7	during the covered period or offering
8	or implementing in good faith post-
9	forbearance loss mitigation (including
10	after the expiration of the covered pe-
11	riod) in accordance with the terms of
12	sections 4022 and 4023 of the
13	CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9056, 9057)
14	to borrowers, respectively, on covered
15	or multifamily mortgage loans that
16	the servicer services; and
17	(II) shall not be liable to any
18	party who is owed such a duty or obli-
19	gation or subject to any injunction
20	stay, or other equitable relief to such
21	party on account of such offer or im-
22	plementation of forbearance or post-
23	forbearance loss mitigation.
24	(ii) Other persons.—Any person,
25	including a trustee of a securitization vehi-

1 cle other party involved in 2 securitization or other investment vehicle, 3 who in good faith cooperates with a servicer of covered or multifamily mortgage loans held by that securitization or invest-6 ment vehicle to comply with the terms of 7 section 4022 and 4023 of the CARES Act 8 (15 U.S.C. 9056, 9057), respectively, to 9 borrowers on covered or multifamily mort-10 gage loans owned by the securitization or 11 other investment vehicle shall not be liable 12 to any party who is owed such a duty or 13 obligation or subject to any injunction, 14 stay, or other equitable relief to such party 15 on account of the cooperation of the 16 servicer with an offer or implementation of 17 forbearance during the covered period or 18 post-forbearance loss mitigation, including 19 after the expiration of the covered period. 20 (B) STANDARD INDUSTRY PRACTICE.— 21 During the covered period, notwithstanding any 22

During the covered period, notwithstanding any contractual restrictions, it is deemed to be standard industry practice for a servicer to offer forbearance or loss mitigation options in accordance with the terms of sections 4022 and

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1	4023 of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9056)
2	9057) to borrowers, respectively, on all covered
3	or multifamily mortgage loans serviced by the
4	servicer.
5	(C) Rule of Construction.—Nothing in
6	this paragraph may be construed as affecting
7	the liability of a servicer or other person for ac-
8	tual fraud in the servicing of a mortgage loan
9	or for the violation of a State or Federal law.
10	(D) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph:
11	(i) COVERED MORTGAGE LOAN.—The
12	term "covered mortgage loan" has the
13	meaning given the term in section 4022(a)
14	of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9056(a)).
15	(ii) COVERED PERIOD.—The term
16	"covered period" has the meaning given
17	that term in section 4023(g) of the
18	CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9057(g)).
19	(iii) Multifamily mortgage
20	LOAN.—The term "multifamily mortgage
21	loan" has the meaning given the term in
22	section 4023(g) of the CARES Act (15
23	U.S.C. $9057(g)$).
24	(iv) Servicer.—The term
25	"servicer"—

1	(I) has the meaning given the
2	term in section 6(i) of the Real Estate
3	Settlement Procedures Act of 1974
4	(12 U.S.C. 2605(i)); and
5	(II) means a master servicer and
6	a subservicer, as those terms are de-
7	fined in section 1024.31 of title 12,
8	Code of Federal Regulations.
9	(v) SECURITIZATION VEHICLE.—The
10	term "securitization vehicle" has the
11	meaning given that term in section
12	129A(f) of the Truth in Lending Act (15
13	U.S.C. 1639a(f)).
14	(11) Amendments to national housing
15	ACT.—Section 306(g)(1) of the National Housing
16	Act (12 U.S.C. 1721(g)(1)) is amended—
17	(A) in the fifth sentence, by inserting after
18	"issued" the following: ", subject to any pledge
19	or grant of security interest of the Federal Re-
20	serve under section 4003(a) of the CARES Act
21	(15 U.S.C. 9042(a)) and to any such mortgage
22	or mortgages or any interest therein and the
23	proceeds thereon, which the Association may
24	elect to approve"; and
25	(B) in the sixth sentence—

1	(i) by striking "or (C)" and inserting
2	"(C)"; and
3	(ii) by inserting before the period the
4	following: ", or (D) its approval and hon-
5	oring of any pledge or grant of security in-
6	terest of the Federal Reserve under section
7	4003(a) of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C.
8	9042(a)) and to any such mortgage or
9	mortgages or any interest therein and pro-
10	ceeds thereon.".
11	(12) Bankruptcy protections.—
12	(A) Bankruptcy protections for fed-
13	ERAL CORONAVIRUS RELIEF PAYMENTS.—Sec-
14	tion 541(b) of title 11, United States Code, is
15	amended—
16	(i) in paragraph (9), in the matter fol-
17	lowing subparagraph (B), by striking "or";
18	(ii) in paragraph (10)(C), by striking
19	the period at the end and inserting "; or";
20	and
21	(iii) by inserting after paragraph (10)
22	the following:
23	"(11) payments made under Federal law relat-
24	ing to the national emergency declared by the Presi-
25	dent under the National Emergencies Act (50

1	U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) with respect to the Coronavirus
2	disease 2019 (COVID-19).".
3	(B) Protection against discrimina-
4	TORY TREATMENT OF HOMEOWNERS IN BANK-
5	RUPTCY.—Section 525 of title 11, United
6	States Code, is amended by adding at the end
7	the following:
8	"(d) A person may not be denied any forbearance,
9	assistance, or loan modification relief made available to
10	borrowers by a mortgage creditor or servicer because the
11	person is or has been a debtor, or has received a discharge,
12	in a case under this title.".
13	(C) Increasing the homestead exemp-
14	TION.—Section 522 of title 11, United States
15	Code, is amended—
16	(i) in subsection $(d)(1)$, by striking
17	"\$15,000" and inserting "\$100,000"; and
18	(ii) by adding at the end the fol-
19	lowing:
20	"(r) Notwithstanding any other provision of applica-
21	ble nonbankruptcy law, a debtor in any State may exempt
22	from property of the estate the property described in sub-
23	section $(d)(1)$ not to exceed the value in subsection $(d)(1)$
24	if the exemption for such property permitted by applicable
25	nonbankruptcy law is lower than that amount.".

1	(D) Effect of missed mortgage pay-
2	MENTS ON DISCHARGE.—Section 1328 of title
3	11, United States Code, is amended by adding
4	at the end the following:
5	"(i) A debtor shall not be denied a discharge under
6	this section because, as of the date of discharge, the debtor
7	did not make 6 or fewer payments directly to the holder
8	of a debt secured by real property.
9	"(j) Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b), upon
10	the debtor's request, the court shall grant a discharge of
11	all debts provided for in the plan that are dischargeable
12	under subsection (a) if the debtor—
13	"(1) has made payments under a confirmed
14	plan for at least 1 year; and
15	"(2) who is experiencing or has experienced a
16	material financial hardship due, directly or indi-
17	rectly, to the Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)
18	pandemic.".
19	(E) Expanded eligibility for chapter
20	13.—Section 109(e) of title 11, United States
21	Code, is amended—
22	(i) by striking "\$250,000" each place
23	the term appears and inserting
24	"\$850,000": and

1	(ii) by striking "\$750,000" each place
2	the term appears and inserting
3	"\$2,600,000".
4	(F) Extended cure period for home-
5	OWNERS HARMED BY COVID—19 PANDEMIC.—
6	(i) In General.—Chapter 13 of title
7	11, United States Code, is amended by
8	adding at the end thereof the following:
9	"§ 1331. Special provisions related to COVID-19 pan-
10	demic
11	"(a) Notwithstanding subsections (b)(2) and (d) of
12	section 1322, if the debtor is experiencing or has experi-
13	enced a material financial hardship due, directly or indi-
14	rectly, to the Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pan-
15	demic, a plan may provide for the curing of any default
16	within a reasonable time, not to exceed 7 years after the
17	time that the first payment under the original confirmed
18	plan was due, and maintenance of payments while the case
19	is pending on any unsecured claim or secured claim on
20	which the last payment is due after the expiration of such
21	time. Any such plan provision shall not affect the applica-
22	ble commitment period under section 1325(b).
23	"(b) For purposes of sections 1328(a) and 1328(b),
24	any cure or maintenance payments under subsection (a)
25	that are made after the end of the period during which

- 1 the plan provides for payments (other than payments
- 2 under subsection (a)) shall not be treated as payments
- 3 under the plan.
- 4 "(c) Notwithstanding section 1329(c), a plan modi-
- 5 field under section 1329 at the debtor's request may pro-
- 6 vide for cure or maintenance payments under subsection
- 7 (a) over a period that is not longer than 7 years after
- 8 the time that the first payment under the original con-
- 9 firmed plan was due.
- 10 "(d) Notwithstanding section 362(c)(2), during the
- 11 period after the debtor receives a discharge and the period
- 12 during which the plan provides for the cure of any default
- 13 and maintenance of payments under the plan, section
- 14 362(a) shall apply to the holder of a claim for which a
- 15 default is cured and payments are maintained under sub-
- 16 section (a) and to any property securing such claim.
- 17 "(e) Notwithstanding section 1301(a)(2), the stay of
- 18 section 1301(a) terminates upon the granting of a dis-
- 19 charge under section 1328 with respect to all creditors
- 20 other than the holder of a claim for which a default is
- 21 cured and payments are maintained under subsection
- 22 (a).".
- 23 (ii) Table of Contents.—The table
- of sections of chapter 13, title 11, United

1	States Code, is amended by adding at the
2	end thereof the following:
	"Sec. 1331. Special provisions related to COVID-19 pandemic.".
3	(iii) Application.—The amendments
4	made by this paragraph shall apply only to
5	any case under title 11, United States
6	Code, commenced or pending during the 3-
7	year period beginning on the date of enact-
8	ment of this Act in which a plan under
9	chapter 13 of title 11, United States Code,
10	was not confirmed before March 27, 2020.
11	(13) Liquidity for mortgage servicers
12	AND RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS.—
13	(A) In General.—Section 4003 of the
14	CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9042) is amended by
15	adding at the end the following:
16	"(i) Liquidity for Mortgage Servicers.—
17	"(1) In general.—Subject to paragraph (2),
18	the Secretary shall ensure that servicers of covered
19	mortgage loans (as defined in section 4022) and
20	multifamily mortgage loans (as defined in section
21	4023) are provided—
22	"(A) the opportunity to participate in the
23	loans, loan guarantees, or other investments
24	made by the Secretary under this section; and

1	"(B) with access to such opportunities
2	under equitable terms and conditions regardless
3	of their size.
4	"(2) Mortgage servicer eligibility.—In
5	order to receive assistance under subsection (b)(4),
6	a mortgage servicer shall—
7	"(A) demonstrate that the mortgage
8	servicer has established policies and procedures
9	to use such funds only to replace funds used for
10	borrower assistance, including to advance funds
11	as a result of forbearance or other loss mitiga-
12	tion provided to borrowers;
13	"(B) demonstrate that the mortgage
14	servicer has established policies and procedures
15	to provide forbearance, post-forbearance loss
16	mitigation, and other assistance to borrowers in
17	compliance with the terms of section 4022 or
18	4023, as applicable;
19	"(C) demonstrate that the mortgage
20	servicer has established policies and procedures
21	to ensure that forbearance and post-forbearance
22	assistance is available to all borrowers in a non-
23	discriminatory fashion and in compliance with
24	the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.),

the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (15 U.S.C.

1	1691 et seq.), and other applicable fair housing
2	and fair lending laws; and
3	"(D) comply with the limitations on com-
4	pensation set forth in section 4004.
5	"(3) Mortgage servicer requirements.—A
6	mortgage servicer receiving assistance under sub-
7	section (b)(4) may not, while the servicer is under
8	any obligation to repay funds provided or guaran-
9	teed under this section—
10	"(A) pay dividends with respect to the
11	common stock of the mortgage servicer or pur-
12	chase an equity security of the mortgage
13	servicer or any parent company of the mortgage
14	servicer if the security is listed on a national se-
15	curities exchange, except to the extent required
16	under a contractual obligation that is in effect
17	on the date of enactment of this subsection; or
18	"(B) prepay any debt obligation.".
19	(B) Credit facility for residential
20	RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS.—
21	(i) In general.—The Board of Gov-
22	ernors of the Federal Reserve System
23	shall—
24	(I) establish a facility, using
25	amounts made available under section

1	4003(b)(4) of the CARES Act (15)
2	U.S.C. $9042(b)(4)$, to make long-
3	term, low-cost loans to residential
4	rental property owners as to tempo-
5	rarily compensate such owners for
6	documented financial losses caused by
7	reductions in rent payments; and
8	(II) defer such owners' required
9	payments on such loans until after 6
10	months after the date of enactment of
11	this Act.
12	(ii) Requirements.—A borrower
13	that receives a loan under this subpara-
14	graph may not, for the duration of the
15	loan—
16	(I) evict, initiate, or file and exe-
17	cute the eviction of a tenant solely for
18	nonpayment of rent or other fees or
19	charges;
20	(II) charge any late fees, pen-
21	alties, or other charges to a tenant for
22	late payment of rent; and
23	(III) with respect to a person or
24	entity described in clause (iv), dis-

1	criminate on the basis of source of in-
2	come.
3	(iii) Report on residential rent-
4	AL PROPERTY OWNERS.—The Board of
5	Governors of the Federal Reserve System
6	shall issue a report to Congress containing
7	the following, with respect to each property
8	owner receiving a loan under this subpara-
9	graph:
10	(I) The number of borrowers that
11	received assistance under this sub-
12	paragraph.
13	(II) The average total loan
14	amount that each borrower received.
15	(III) The total number of rental
16	units that each borrower owned.
17	(IV) The average rent charged by
18	each borrower.
19	(iv) Report on large residential
20	RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS.—The Board
21	of Governors shall issue a report to Con-
22	gress that identifies any person or entity
23	that in aggregate owns or holds a control-
24	ling interest in any entity that, in aggre-
25	gate, owns—

1	(I) more than 100 rental units
2	that are located within a single metro-
3	politan statistical area;
4	(II) more than 1,000 rental units
5	in the United States; or
6	(III) rental units in 3 or more
7	States.
8	(C) Mortgage Performance Data.—
9	Section 4003(c) of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C.
10	9042(c)) is amended by adding at the end the
11	following:
12	"(4) Mortgage Performance Data.—
13	"(A) Monthly Report.—
14	"(i) In general.—A servicer of a
15	residential mortgage loan receiving a loan,
16	loan guarantee, or any other investment
17	under this section shall, beginning in the
18	first month in which the loan, loan guar-
19	antee, or investment was received, collect
20	and provide loan-level data to the Bureau
21	of Consumer Financial Protection on a
22	monthly basis with respect all residential
23	mortgage loans serviced by the servicer.
24	"(ii) Contents.—Each monthly re-
25	port required under this subparagraph

1	shall contain identifying information and
2	loan performance data for the most recent
3	month as well as cumulative data since the
4	servicer began reporting under this para-
5	graph.
6	"(iii) Time period for reports.—
7	Reports under this paragraph shall be pro-
8	vided by a servicer every month in which
9	a loan, loan guarantee, or any other invest-
10	ment under this section has been received
11	and for 2 years following such receipt.
12	"(B) IDENTIFYING INFORMATION.—Each
13	monthly report required under subparagraph
14	(A) shall include the following loan-level identi-
15	fying information:
16	"(i) Demographic data, for each bor-
17	rower, including race, ethnicity, sex, and
18	age.
19	"(ii) The location of the property, in-
20	cluding by State, metropolitan statistical
21	area, postal code, census tract, and metro-
22	politan division, if applicable.
23	"(iii) Loan origination information
24	including original unpaid principal balance
25	original interest rate first nayment date

1	original loan term, and lien status (first or
2	subordinate).
3	"(iv) Loan type and type of loan pur-
4	chaser, as described in section 304 of the
5	Home Mortgage Disclosure Act of 1975
6	(12 U.S.C. 2803) and the rules issued to
7	carry out that section.
8	"(C) Loan Performance Data.—Each
9	monthly report required under subparagraph
10	(A) shall include the following loan-level loan
11	performance data:
12	"(i) Current loan information, includ-
13	ing current actual unpaid principal bal-
14	ance, current interest rate, current loan
15	delinquency status (based on the number
16	of days the borrower is delinquent in pay-
17	ments based on the due date of the last
18	paid loan payment), loan performance sta-
19	tus (including current, forbearance, repay-
20	ment plan, referred to foreclosure, trial
21	modification, permanent modification, or
22	foreclosed), and the date of the event lead-
23	ing to such status.
24	"(ii) Loss mitigation information, in-
25	cluding—

1	"(I) whether the loan is currently
2	being evaluated for loss mitigation,
3	and if so the date upon which the cur-
4	rent loss mitigation process was initi-
5	ated and the date of complete applica-
6	tion, if any;
7	"(II) the disposition of any pre-
8	vious loss mitigation evaluation re-
9	ported pursuant to subclause (I) and
10	the date of disposition, including—
11	"(aa) denied;
12	"(bb) temporary or short-
13	term agreement, such as a repay-
14	ment agreement or forbearance,
15	and the length of such agreement
16	(in months);
17	"(cc) trial loan modification;
18	"(dd) permanent loan modi-
19	fication; or
20	"(ee) other type of loss miti-
21	gation; and
22	"(III) for each permanent modi-
23	fication—

1	"(aa) whether the perma-
2	nent modification included 1 or
3	more of—
4	"(AA) additions of de-
5	linquent payments and fees
6	to loan balances;
7	"(BB) interest rate re-
8	ductions and freezes;
9	"(CC) term extensions;
10	"(DD) reductions of
11	principal; or
12	"(EE) deferrals of prin-
13	cipal; and
14	"(bb) whether the total
15	monthly principal and interest
16	payment, as a result of the per-
17	manent modification—
18	"(AA) increased;
19	"(BB) remained the
20	same;
21	"(CC) decreased less
22	than 10 percent;
23	"(DD) decreased be-
24	tween 10 and 20 percent; or

1	"(EE) decreased 20
2	percent or more.
3	"(D) FORBEARANCE DATA.—Each monthly
4	report required under subparagraph (A) shall
5	include, with respect to each loan for which a
6	forbearance has been reported under subpara-
7	graph (C)(i), forbearance-specific data, includ-
8	ing—
9	"(i) the total months of total forbear-
10	ance granted to date; and
11	"(ii) the number of renewals of for-
12	bearance to date.
13	"(E) Public availability of aggre-
14	GATE DATA.—
15	"(i) In general.—Using data sub-
16	mitted by servicers under this paragraph,
17	the Director of the Bureau of Consumer
18	Financial Protection shall make available
19	aggregate data by servicer for each State,
20	metropolitan statistical area, and metro-
21	politan division, as defined by the Office of
22	Management and Budget. Such aggregate
23	data shall be provided monthly by the Di-
24	rector to Congress and posted on the

website of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

"(ii) EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE DATA.—If aggregate data described under clause (i) is
nonetheless reasonably personally identifiable, the Director may report the aggregate data by servicer on the next larger geographic unit (such that, for example, data
would not be reported by municipal division but only by metropolitan statistical
area and State).

"(F) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Director of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection shall, within 60 days of the date of enactment of this paragraph, and in consultation with the Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency and the Comptroller of the Currency, prescribe the format and method of submission of the data required under this paragraph. The Director of the Bureau may prescribe rules for the collection of the data in order to ensure accuracy, transparency, and complete data collection, including the collection and reporting of additional data elements, but may not require

1	reporting of fewer data elements than pre-
2	scribed by this paragraph nor less frequent re-
3	porting than required by this paragraph.
4	"(G) Definitions.—In this paragraph:
5	"(i) Residential mortgage
6	LOAN.—The term 'residential mortgage
7	loan' has the meaning given the term in
8	section 103 of the Truth in Lending Act
9	(15 U.S.C. 1602).
10	"(ii) Servicer.—The term 'servicer'
11	has the meaning given the term in section
12	6 of the Real Estate Settlement Proce-
13	dures Act of 1974 (12 U.S.C. 2605).".
14	(14) Small property owner grant pro-
15	GRAM.—
16	(A) Definitions.—In this paragraph:
17	(i) COVID-19 EMERGENCY PE-
18	RIOD.—The term "COVID-19 emergency
19	period" means the period in which the na-
20	tional emergency concerning the novel
21	Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak
22	declared by the President on March 13,
23	2020, under the National Emergencies Act
24	(50 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) is in effect.

1	(ii) Secretary.—The term "Sec-
2	retary" means the Secretary of Housing
3	and Urban Development.
4	(iii) Small property owner.—The
5	term "small property owner" means an
6	owner of not more than 10 residential
7	properties.
8	(B) Grant Program.—The Secretary
9	shall establish a program to award grants to
10	State and local housing finance agencies to pro-
11	vide assistance to small property owners.
12	(C) ELIGIBLE SMALL PROPERTY OWN-
13	ERS.—To be eligible for assistance provided
14	under this paragraph, a small property owner
15	shall submit proof of hardship to the State or
16	local housing finance agency, as applicable,
17	which shall provide that, during the COVID-19
18	emergency period—
19	(i) tenants of dwelling units in the
20	residential properties owned by the small
21	property owner have been unable to pay
22	rent; and
23	(ii) the small property owner has not
24	evicted any such tenants.
25	(D) Prohibitions.—

1	(i) Private equity, real estate,
2	OR VENTURE CAPITAL FIRMS.—Any pri-
3	vate equity firm, real estate firm, or ven-
4	ture capital firm that has accepted funding
5	from an investment company, as such term
6	is defined in section 3(a) of the Investment
7	Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-
8	3(a)), shall not be eligible for—
9	(I) a grant under this section; or
10	(II) a loan, loan guarantee, or
11	other investment made by the Sec-
12	retary of the Treasury under section
13	4003 of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C.
14	9042), as amended by this section.
15	(ii) Undeveloped or uninhabited
16	PROPERTIES.—A small property owner
17	may not receive any funds under this para-
18	graph with respect to any undeveloped
19	property, plot of land, or uninhabited prop-
20	erty owned by the small property owner.
21	(iii) Rent payments.—A small prop-
22	erty owner that receives a grant with re-
23	spect to a property under this paragraph
24	may not require tenants of the property to

1	make rental payments for the duration of
2	the grant.
3	(E) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-
4	TIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated
5	to the Secretary \$1,000,000,000 for fiscal year
6	2020, to remain available until September 30,
7	2021, to carry out this paragraph.
8	SEC. 3. EXPANDED EVICTION RELIEF FOR RENTERS UNDER
9	THE CARES ACT.
10	Section 4024 of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9058)
11	is amended—
12	(1) in subsection (a)—
13	(A) by amending paragraph (1) to read as
14	follows:
15	"(1) COVERED DWELLING.—The term 'covered
16	dwelling' means a dwelling that is occupied by a ten-
17	ant—
18	"(A) pursuant to a residential lease; or
19	"(B) without a lease or with a lease ter-
20	minable under State law.";
21	(B) by striking paragraphs (2), (4), and
22	(5);
23	(C) by redesignating paragraph (3) as
24	paragraph (2); and

1	(D) in paragraph $(2)(B)$, as so redesig-
2	nated—
3	(i) by striking "includes houses" and
4	inserting the following: "includes—
5	"(i) houses";
6	(ii) in clause (i), as so designated, by
7	striking the period at the end and inserting
8	a semicolon; and
9	(iii) by adding at the end the fol-
10	lowing:
11	"(ii) a manufactured home, as defined
12	in section 4022; and
13	"(iii) a covered recreational vehicle, as
14	defined in section 4022."; and
15	(2) in subsection (b), by striking "120-day pe-
16	riod" and inserting "365-day period.".
17	SEC. 4. RENTER'S AND HOMEOWNER'S RIGHTS.
18	(a) Definitions.—In this section:
19	(1) COVERED DWELLING.—The term "covered
20	dwelling" has the meaning given the term in section
21	4024 of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9058).
22	(2) COVID-19 EMERGENCY PERIOD.—The
23	term "COVID-19 emergency period" means the pe-
24	riod in which the national emergency concerning the
25	novel Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak de-

- clared by the President on March 13, 2020, under
 the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 et
 seq.) is in effect.
 - (3) Secretary.—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.
- 6 (4) STATE.—The term "State" means any
 7 State of the United States, the District of Columbia,
 8 any territory of the United States, the Common9 wealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the
 10 Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the North11 ern Mariana Islands.
- 12 (b) Grant Program To Provide Tenants With13 Right to Attorney.—
 - (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall provide grants to States that provide a right to legal assistance for tenants facing eviction in housing courts in violation of the eviction moratorium described in section 4024 of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9058).
 - (2) REPORT.—A State that receives a grant under this section shall provide to the Secretary periodic reports on the use of funds under the grant.
 - (3) Rule of construction.—Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as modifying, limiting, or superseding the operation of any provision of an enumerated Federal consumer law that relates to the

- authority of a State attorney general or State regu lator to enforce such Federal law.
- 3 (4) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
- 4 There is authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
- 5 retary \$25,000,000 for fiscal year 2020, to remain
- 6 available until expended, to make grants under this
- 7 subsection.
- 8 (c) Private Right of Action.—A tenant that re-
- 9 sides in any covered dwelling may bring a civil action
- 10 against a landlord or managing agent for injunctive relief,
- 11 direct money damages, or other relief if the landlord or
- 12 managing agent is in violation of Federal, State, or local
- 13 eviction moratorium laws, including under section 4024 of
- 14 the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9058).
- 15 (d) Repayment.—A residential tenant of a covered
- 16 dwelling unit or a commercial tenant may repay any un-
- 17 paid rent during the COVID-19 emergency period—
- 18 (1) over an 18-month period, with respect to a
- residential tenant, beginning on the date of enact-
- 20 ment of this Act; or
- 21 (2) over a 3-month period, with respect to a
- commercial tenant, beginning on the date of enact-
- 23 ment of this Act.
- 24 (e) Credit Reporting.—The Fair Credit Reporting
- 25 Act (15 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) is amended—

1	(1) in section 605(a), by adding at the end the
2	following:
3	"(9) Any eviction, unpaid rent, or other debt
4	with respect to a consumer occurring during the cov-
5	ered period, as defined in section 623(a)(1)(G).";
6	and
7	(2) in section 623(a)(1) (15 U.S.C. 1681s-2),
8	by adding at the end the following:
9	"(G) Reporting of evictions or un-
10	PAID RENT DURING COVID—19 PANDEMIC.—
11	"(i) Definitions.—In this subpara-
12	graph, term 'covered period' has the mean-
13	ing given the term in subparagraph (F).
14	"(ii) Prohibition on reporting.—
15	A landlord of any residential dwelling, in-
16	cluding a manufactured home or a covered
17	recreational vehicle (as those terms are de-
18	fined in section 4022 of the CARES Act
19	(15 U.S.C. 9056)) shall not report any
20	eviction, unpaid rent, or other debt occur-
21	ring during the covered period with respect
22	to a consumer to any furnisher or con-
23	sumer reporting agency.".
24	(f) Rent Increases.—The owner or management
25	company of a covered dwelling (as defined in section 4024

1	of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9058) or any servicer of
2	a covered mortgage loan (as defined in section 4022 of
3	the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9056)) shall not, during the
4	1-year period following the date of enactment of this Act
5	increase the rent on any dwelling unit of such a covered
6	dwelling in an amount that is more than the rate of infla-
7	tion.
8	(g) Allocation of Funds for Housing Legal
9	AID AND HOUSING COUNSELING.—
10	(1) Housing legal aid.—
11	(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
12	provide grants to housing legal aid organiza-
13	tions that target services to minority and low-
14	and moderate-income (as defined by the Sec-
15	retary) homeowners, renters, individuals experi-
16	encing homelessness, and individuals at risk of
17	experiencing homelessness or provide those
18	services in neighborhoods in the United States
19	with high concentrations of those individuals.
20	(B) Report.—A housing legal aid organi-
21	zation that receives a grant under this sub-
22	section shall provide to the Secretary periodic
23	reports on the use of funds under the grant.
24	(C) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-

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to the Secretary for fiscal year 2020, to remain available until expended, \$500,000,000 for grants provided under this paragraph for housing legal aid services.

(2) Housing counseling.—

- (A) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-TIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation established under the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation Act (42 U.S.C. 8101 et seq.) \$700,000,000 for fiscal year 2020, which shall remain available until September 30, 2023, to provide funds to counseling organizations for housing counseling services.
- (B) ELIGIBLE USES.—Subject to subparagraph (C), amounts made available under subparagraph (A) may be used in such amounts as the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation determines for the costs of—
 - (i) public education and outreach;
 - (ii) direct services, including the full range of services provided by housing counselors to assist homeowners, including manufactured homeowners, regardless of financing type, renters, individuals experi-

1	encing homelessness, and individuals at
2	risk of homelessness, including the prac-
3	tices, tools, and innovations in foreclosure
4	mitigation that were utilized in the Na-
5	tional Foreclosure Mitigation Counseling
6	Program, and financial capability, credit
7	counseling, homeless counseling, and rental
8	counseling;
9	(iii) equipment and technology, includ-
10	ing broadband internet and equipment up-
11	grades needed to ensure timely and effec-
12	tive service delivery;
13	(iv) training, including capacitating
14	housing counseling staff in various modes
15	of counseling, including rental and fore-
16	closure, delivery of remote counseling uti-
17	lizing improved technology, enhanced net-
18	work security, and supportive options for
19	the delivery of client services; and
20	(v) administration and oversight of
21	the grant program in accordance with the
22	rate of the Corporation for program ad-
23	ministration.
24	(C) Prioritization of housing coun-
25	SELING SERVICES —Of amounts made available

1 under subparagraph (A), not less than 40 per-2 cent shall be provided to counseling organiza-3 tions that target counseling services to minority 4 and low-income homeowners, renters, individuals experiencing homelessness, and individuals 6 at risk of homelessness or provide such services 7 in neighborhoods with high concentrations of 8 minority and low-income homeowners, renters, 9 individuals experiencing homelessness, and individuals at risk of homelessness. 10

- (h) Notice of Eviction After the Conclusion
 12 of the Moratorium.—On and after the date on which
 13 the eviction moratorium under 4024 of the CARES Act
 14 (15 U.S.C. 9058) expires, the owner of a covered dwelling
 15 (as defined in that section) shall provide notice to a tenant
 16 not less than 120 days before filing an eviction against
 17 the tenant.
- 18 (i) Taxability.—For purposes of the Internal Rev19 enue Code of 1986, any amount which (but for a provision
 20 of this Act or an amendment made by this Act) would
 21 be includible in gross income of a person by reason of for22 giveness of a required rent or mortgage payment shall be
 23 excluded from gross income.

1	SEC. 5. ASSISTANCE FOR HOME ENERGY SERVICE AND
2	HOUSEHOLD DRINKING WATER AND WASTE-
3	WATER SERVICES.
4	(a) Definitions.—In this section:
5	(1) Home energy service.—The term "home
6	energy service" means a service to provide home en-
7	ergy, as such term is defined in section 2603 of the
8	Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981
9	(42 U.S.C. 8622), and electric service, as that term
10	is used in the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act
11	of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2601 et seq.).
12	(2) Household drinking water and waste-
13	WATER SERVICES.—The term "household drinking
14	water and wastewater services" has the meaning
15	given that term in section 1459A(a)(2) of the Safe
16	Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300j–19a(a)(2)).
17	(3) Indian Tribe.—The term "Indian
18	Tribe''—
19	(A) used with respect to assistance for
20	home energy, means—
21	(i) an Indian tribe within the meaning
22	of section 2604(d) of the Low-Income
23	Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 (42
24	U.S.C. 8623(d)); and

1	(11) an entity that is eligible to receive
2	funds under that section on behalf of an
3	Indian tribe described in clause (i); and
4	(B) used with respect to assistance for
5	household drinking water and wastewater serv-
6	ices, means any Indian Tribe, band, group, or
7	community recognized by the Secretary of the
8	Interior and exercising governmental authority
9	over a Federal Indian reservation, as defined in
10	section 518(h) of the Federal Water Pollution
11	Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1377).
12	(4) Municipality.—The term "municipality"
13	has the meaning given such term in section 502 of
14	the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C.
15	1362).
16	(5) Public Health Emergency.—The term
17	"public health emergency" means the public health
18	emergency described in section $1135(g)(1)(B)$ of the
19	Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320b–5(g)(1)(B)).
20	(6) Public Health Emergency Period.—
21	The term "public health emergency period" has the
22	meaning given the term "emergency period" in that
23	section $1135(g)(1)(B)$.
24	(7) Public water system.—The term "public
25	water system" has the meaning given that term in

1 section 1401 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 2 U.S.C. 300f). (8) Secretary.—The term "Secretary" means 3 4 the Secretary of Health and Human Services. (9) STATE.—The term "State" means— 5 6 (A) any of the 50 States, and the District 7 of Columbia; and 8 (B) the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the 9 Virgin Islands of the United States, Guam, 10 American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of 11 the Northern Mariana Islands. 12 (b) Assistance for Low-Income Households.— The Secretary shall make grants from allotments and payments described in subsection (d) to States and Indian 14 15 Tribes to assist low-income households, particularly those with the lowest incomes, that pay a high proportion of household income for home energy service and household drinking water and wastewater services. Half of the funds 18 19 for each such grant shall be made available from funds 20 appropriated under subsection (k)(1), and half from funds 21 appropriated under subsection (k)(2). 22 (c) Use of LIHEAP Resources.—In carrying out 23 this section, the Secretary, States, and Indian Tribes, as applicable, shall use the existing (as of the date of implementation) systems in place to carry out the Low-Income

- 1 Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 8621
- 2 et seq.) as the Secretary determines appropriate.
- 3 (d) Allotments.—

- (1) STATES.—The Secretary shall allot to each
 State an amount that bears the same relationship to
 the funds appropriated under this section and available for carrying out this subsection as the number
 of individuals with a household income of less than
 200 percent of the poverty line in that State bears
 to the total number of such individuals in all States.
 - (2) Indian tribes.—At the request of an Indian Tribe in a State, the Secretary shall reserve, from the amount that would otherwise be payable to such State from the allotment under paragraph (1) for the fiscal year involved, a payment for the Indian Tribe in a sum determined to be appropriate by the Secretary.
 - (3) Notification to congress.—Not later than 15 days after determining the amounts of allotments and payments for States and Indian Tribes pursuant to this subsection, and prior to making grants under this section, the Secretary shall notify Congress of such amounts.
- 24 (e) REQUIREMENTS.—Each State or Indian Tribe de-25 siring to receive a grant under this section shall agree to—

- (1) establish or maintain in effect a moratorium policy to ensure that no home energy service, household drinking water service, or wastewater service to an individual or household, that is regulated or provided by the State or Indian Tribe or subrecipient of grant funds from the State or Tribe, shall be or remain disconnected (including interrupted) until the end of the period of the applicable repayment plan described in paragraph (2)(B); and
 - (2) ensure that the moratorium policy provides, and requires a subrecipient of grant funds to provide—
 - (A) for a waiver of applicable interest or penalties on a late payment for home energy, household drinking service, or wastewater service, if the late payment is related to an arrearage that occurred during the public health emergency period; and
 - (B) for a repayment plan of at least 18 months in duration, beginning on the last date of the public health emergency period, based on the household income of the household involved, for any remaining late payment described in subparagraph (A) that is not covered by funding provided under this section.

- 1 (f) USE OF FUNDS.—A State or Indian Tribe that
- 2 receives a grant under this Act shall use the grant funds
- 3 to assist low-income households by paying for late home
- 4 energy service payments and late household drinking
- 5 water and wastewater services payments, and reconnection
- 6 fees for households who have been disconnected from any
- 7 type of service specified in this subsection due to non-
- 8 payment, if the related arrearages and disconnections oc-
- 9 curred during the public health emergency period.

(g) State Agreements.—

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- (1) Home energy service providers.—To the maximum extent practicable, a State that receives a grant under this section shall enter into agreements with home energy service providers, local governments, nonprofit organizations associated with providing home energy services to rural and small communities, and Indian Tribes, to assist in identifying low-income households and to carry out this section.
 - (2) Household drinking water and wastewater services providers.—To the maximum extent practicable, a State that receives a grant under this section shall enter into agreements with public water systems, municipalities, nonprofit organizations associated with providing household drinking

- 1 water and wastewater services to rural and small
- 2 communities, and Indian Tribes, to assist in identi-
- fying low-income households and to carry out this
- 4 section.
- 5 (h) Determination of Low-Income House-
- 6 HOLDS.—In determining whether a household in a State
- 7 or under the jurisdiction of an Indian Tribe is considered
- 8 low-income for the purposes of this Act, the State or In-
- 9 dian Tribe shall—
- 10 (1) ensure that, at a minimum, all households
- with a household income at or below 200 percent of
- the Federal poverty line are included as low-income
- households;
- 14 (2) ensure that households already eligible for
- assistance under the Low-Income Home Energy As-
- 16 sistance Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 8621 et seq.) are
- included as low-income households; and
- 18 (3) consider households that have not previously
- received assistance under the Low-Income Home
- 20 Energy Assistance Act of 1981 in the same manner
- as households that have previously received such as-
- sistance.
- (i) AUDITS.—The Secretary shall require each State
- 24 and Indian Tribe receiving a grant under subsection (b)
- 25 to undertake periodic audits and evaluations of expendi-

1	tures made by such State or Indian Tribe pursuant to this
2	section.
3	(j) Reports to Congress.—The Secretary shall
4	prepare reports on the results of activities carried out pur-
5	suant to this section and submit the reports to Congress—
6	(1) not later than 1 year after the date of en-
7	actment of this Act; and
8	(2) upon disbursement of all funds appropriated
9	to carry out this section.
10	(k) Authorization of Appropriations.—
11	(1) In general.—There is authorized to be
12	appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this sec-
13	tion—
14	(A) \$10,000,000,000 for grant funds and
15	administration relating to assistance for home
16	energy service; and
17	(B) \$10,000,000,000 for grant funds and
18	administration relating to assistance for house-
19	hold drinking water and wastewater services.
20	(2) AVAILABILITY.—Sums appropriated under
21	paragraph (1) shall remain available until expended.
22	SEC. 6. BUSINESS LANDLORD OVERSIGHT.
23	(a) Congressional Oversight Commission.—Sec-
24	tion 4020 of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9055) is amend-
25	ed—

1	(1) in subsection $(b)(2)(A)$, by adding at the
2	end the following:
3	"(v) The use of rental property assist-
4	ance received by entities under section
5	7(a)(36) of the Small Business Act (15
6	U.S.C. 636(a)(36)) or other Federal Gov-
7	ernment relief assistance under this sub-
8	title."; and
9	(2) in subsection (c)—
10	(A) in paragraph (1)—
11	(i) in the matter preceding subpara-
12	graph (A), by striking "5" and inserting
13	"9"; and
14	(ii) in subparagraphs (A) through
15	(D), strike "1" each place the term ap-
16	pears and insert "2"; and
17	(B) by adding at the end the following:
18	"(8) QUALIFICATIONS.—Not fewer than 2 of
19	the 8 members appointed under subparagraphs (A)
20	through (D) shall be from a group that has been
21	historically underrepresented or disproportionately
22	negatively impacted by the Coronavirus disease 2019
23	(COVID-19), and not fewer than 1 of those 8 mem-
24	bers shall be a woman.".

- 1 (b) Prohibition on Use of Federal COVID-Re-
- 2 LIEF LOANS OR GRANTS TO BUY DISTRESSED MORT-
- 3 gages, Foreclosed Properties, or Real-Estate-
- 4 Owned Properties.—Except with respect to a nonprofit
- 5 organization or a local, mission-focused affordable housing
- 6 developer, a business entity shall not use the proceeds of
- 7 any loan or grant received under this Act or the CARES
- 8 Act (Public Law 116–136), or any amendments made
- 9 under those Acts, to purchase distressed mortgages, fore-
- 10 closed properties, or real-estate-owned properties.
- 11 (c) Rent Arrears.—If a landlord receives Federal
- 12 funds under subtitle IV of the CARES Act (Public Law
- 13 116–136) that are used to cover rent arrears during the
- 14 period beginning on March 27, 2020, and ending on De-
- 15 cember 31, 2020, the landlord may not collect rent arrears
- 16 from tenants that were received upon the expiration of ap-
- 17 plicable Federal and State eviction and foreclosure mora-
- 18 toriums relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, including
- 19 under sections 4022 and 4024 of the CARES Act (15
- 20 U.S.C. 9056, 9058).

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