

116TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 4821

To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to clarify that utility line technicians qualify as emergency response providers.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 20 (legislative day, OCTOBER 19), 2020

Mr. KENNEDY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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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. EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROVIDERS.**

4 Section 2(6) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002  
5 (6 U.S.C. 101(6)) is amended—

6 (1) by striking “includes Federal” and inserting  
7 “includes—

8 “(A) Federal”;

9 (2) by striking the period at the end and insert-  
10 ing “; and”; and

1 (3) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(B) utility line technicians responding to  
3 a major disaster or an emergency declared by  
4 the President under section 501 of the Robert  
5 T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency As-  
6 sistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5191).”.

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