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To require the Secretary of the Army to include communities affected by major disasters in the definition of an economically disadvantaged community, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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. DEFINITION OF ECONOMICALLY DISADVAN-**
4 **TAGED COMMUNITY.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out section 160 of the
6 Water Resources Development Act of 2020 (33 U.S.C.
7 2201 note), the Secretary of the Army shall include in the

1 definition of “economically disadvantaged community”
2 any area that is designated as eligible to receive assistance
3 under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emer-
4 gency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.) as a result
5 of a major disaster declaration under section 401 of such
6 Act (42 U.S.C. 5170).

7 (b) APPLICABILITY.—An area described in subsection
8 (a) may only be included in the definition of “economically
9 disadvantaged community” during the 5-year period be-
10 ginning on the date on which a major disaster with respect
11 to such area is declared.