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# S. 4792

To extend the availability of Coronavirus Relief Fund payment funds for States or governments that use such funds to respond to the COVID–19 public health emergency in accordance with a qualifying economic development plan.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 1, 2020

Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. ROBERTS) introduced the following bill;  
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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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 “Remove Impediments  
5 for a Successful Economic Recovery Act” or the “RISER  
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENDED AVAILABILITY FOR CORONAVIRUS RE-**  
 2 **LIEF FUND PAYMENTS USED IN ACCORD-**  
 3 **ANCE WITH A QUALIFYING ECONOMIC DE-**  
 4 **VELOPMENT PLAN.**

5 Section 601(d) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
 6 801(d)) is amended to read as follows:

7 “(d) USE OF FUNDS; AVAILABILITY.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A State, Tribal govern-  
 9 ment, and unit of local government shall use the  
 10 funds provided under a payment made under this  
 11 section to cover only those costs of the State, Tribal  
 12 government, or unit of local government that—

13 “(A) are necessary expenditures incurred  
 14 due to the public health emergency with respect  
 15 to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID–19);

16 “(B) were not accounted for in the budget  
 17 most recently approved as of the date of enact-  
 18 ment of this section for the State or govern-  
 19 ment; and

20 “(C) subject to paragraph (2), were in-  
 21 curred during the period that begins on March  
 22 1, 2020, and ends on December 30, 2020.

23 “(2) EXTENDED AVAILABILITY FOR FUNDS  
 24 USED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A QUALIFYING ECO-  
 25 NOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN.—

1           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding sub-  
2 paragraph (C) of paragraph (1), funds provided  
3 under a payment made under this section shall  
4 remain available to a State, Tribal government,  
5 or unit of local government until December 31,  
6 2022, for obligation by the State or govern-  
7 ment—

8                   “(i) for costs of the State or govern-  
9 ment that—

10                           “(I) are necessary expenditures  
11 incurred due to the public health  
12 emergency with respect to the  
13 Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-  
14 19); and

15                           “(II) were not accounted for in  
16 the budget most recently approved as  
17 of the date of enactment of this sec-  
18 tion for the State or government; and

19                           “(ii) in accordance with a qualifying  
20 economic development plan.

21           “(B) AVAILABILITY.—Any funds obligated  
22 under subparagraph (A) as of the date specified  
23 in such subparagraph shall remain available  
24 until expended.

1           “(C) CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—In  
2 order to use funds provided under a payment  
3 under this section in accordance with this para-  
4 graph, a State, Tribal government, or unit of  
5 local government shall provide the Secretary  
6 with a certification signed by the Chief Execu-  
7 tive of the State or government that the pro-  
8 posed uses of the funds under the qualifying  
9 economic development plan are consistent with  
10 the requirements of subparagraph (A)(i).

11           “(D) QUALIFYING ECONOMIC DEVELOP-  
12 MENT PLAN.—For purposes of subparagraph  
13 (A), the term ‘qualifying economic development  
14 plan’ means, with respect to a State or govern-  
15 ment, a plan for using funds paid or distributed  
16 to the State or government under this section  
17 to respond to the COVID–19 public health  
18 emergency, including by expanding access in a  
19 technology neutral manner to broadband and  
20 telemedicine services to unserved locations or  
21 consumers, that is approved by the State or the  
22 governing board of a university before Decem-  
23 ber 30, 2020.”.

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