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H. R. 3452

To amend section 5307 of title 49, United States Code, with respect to the treatment of a community as an urbanized area following a major disaster.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WEBER of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Relief for Recovering
5 Communities Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. AVAILABILITY OF URBANIZED AREA FORMULA**
7 **GRANTS FOLLOWING A MAJOR DISASTER.**

8 Section 5307 of title 49, United States Code, is
9 amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(i) URBANIZED AREAS FOLLOWING A MAJOR DIS-
2 ASTER.—

3 “(1) MAJOR DISASTER DEFINED.—In this sec-
4 tion, the term ‘major disaster’ has the meaning
5 given such term in section 102(2) of the Robert T.
6 Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance
7 Act (42 U.S.C. 5122(2)).

8 “(2) URBANIZED AREA MAJOR DISASTER POPU-
9 LATION CRITERIA.—Notwithstanding section 5302,
10 the Secretary shall treat an area as an ‘urbanized
11 area’ for purposes of this section until the second
12 decennial census conducted after a major disaster in
13 such area if—

14 “(A) the population of the area fell below
15 50,000 as a result of such major disaster;

16 “(B) the area was defined and designated
17 as an ‘urbanized area’ by the Secretary of Com-
18 merce in the decennial census immediately pre-
19 ceding such major disaster, beginning with the
20 2000 decennial census; and

21 “(C) the area was not so defined and des-
22 ignated in the decennial census immediately fol-
23 lowing such major disaster.

24 “(3) POPULATION CALCULATION.—An area
25 treated as an ‘urbanized area’ under this subsection

1 shall be assigned the population and square miles of
2 the urban cluster with respect to the area designated
3 by the Secretary of Commerce in the most recent de-
4 cennial census.

5 “(4) SAVINGS PROVISION.—Nothing in this sub-
6 section may be construed to affect apportionments
7 made under this chapter before the date of the en-
8 actment of this subsection.”.

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