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3 By Senators Sanders-Fortier, Smitherman, Livingston, Gudger,
4 Coleman-Madison, Jones, Figures, Beasley, Elliott, Barfoot,
5 Reed and Sessions
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8 URGING CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT TO PROVIDE
9 ADDITIONAL RENTAL ASSISTANCE FOR FAMILIES IN U.S. DEPARTMENT
10 OF AGRICULTURE FUNDED RENTAL UNITS AS A RESULT OF THE
11 CORONAVIRUS.
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13 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture
14 provides direct lending to provide rural rental housing units
15 in rural areas; and

16 WHEREAS, there are approximately 13,000 families
17 living in USDA Rural Development housing units in 437 housing
18 properties in rural Alabama; and

19 WHEREAS, many of the families living in the units
20 are elderly, disabled, or handicapped and qualify for rental
21 assistance; and

22 WHEREAS, approximately one-third of the families or
23 almost 4,000 families in rural Alabama in housing funded by
24 the USDA do not currently qualify for rental assistance and
25 may suffer catastrophic consequences if they are unable to pay
26 for their shelter costs as a result of income disruption from
27 the coronavirus; now therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE LEGISLATURE OF
2 ALABAMA, That the U.S. Congress and the President are strongly
3 urged to provide additional funding for rental assistance to
4 low income families living in USDA Rural Development Housing
5 units who are adversely affected by income disruption from the
6 coronavirus.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
8 resolution be forwarded to the President of the United States
9 and the members of the Alabama Congressional Delegation.