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To direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on the effectiveness of local alerting systems, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LANGWORTHY (for himself, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Mr. MORELLE, Mr. FRY, Mrs. LUNA, Mr. WEBER of Texas, and Ms. NORTON) 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 “Weather Alert Re-
5 sponse and Notification Act” or the “WARN Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. EFFECTIVENESS OF LOCAL ALERTING SYSTEMS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of the
8 United States shall conduct a study on the effectiveness
9 of local alerting systems in disseminating timely and rel-

1 event information during weather-related emergencies to
2 help communities develop better policies and procedures
3 for emergency response and enhance public safety in the
4 event of a weather-related emergency.

5 (b) CONTENTS.—In conducting the study under sub-
6 section (a), the Comptroller General shall—

7 (1) evaluate the efficacy of various alert medi-
8 ums, including platforms such as social media, to
9 disseminate emergency alerts, including travel bans
10 and mass power outages, during extreme weather
11 events; and

12 (2) establish a set of best practices for such
13 alerts.

14 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
15 of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall
16 submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infra-
17 structure and the Committee on Homeland Security of the
18 House of Representatives and the Committee on Home-
19 land Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a
20 report on the study conducted under subsection (a).

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