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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 22, 2021

Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina (for himself, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. GRAHAM, Ms. SINEMA, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “FEMA Empowering
3 Essential Deliveries Act” or the “FEED Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. STATE AND LOCAL PLANS FOR MEAL DELIVERY.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—During the period following the
6 emergency declaration issued by the President on March
7 13, 2020, pursuant to section 501(b) of the Robert T.
8 Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act
9 (42 U.S.C. 5191(b)), and under any subsequent major dis-
10 aster declaration under section 401 of such Act (42 U.S.C.
11 5170) that supersedes such emergency declaration, the
12 Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management
13 Agency may approve plans from State, local, and Indian
14 tribal governments that meet the requirements of sub-
15 section (b).

16 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—To be eligible to provide food
17 services set forth in this subsection, a State, local, or In-
18 dian tribal government shall establish a network to coordi-
19 nate food distribution and delivery that includes a detailed
20 plan to—

21 (1) establish contracts with small and mid-sized
22 restaurants and non-profits, including faith-based
23 organizations and soup kitchens to prepare healthy
24 meals for people in need; and

25 (2) partner with non-profit organizations, in-
26 cluding faith-based organizations and soup kitchens

1 to purchase directly from food producers and farm-
2 ers.

3 (c) WAIVER OF MATCHING REQUIREMENTS.—During
4 the period referred to in subsection (a), the Administrator
5 of the Federal Emergency Management Agency shall
6 waive the matching requirements in sections 403(b) and
7 503(a) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and
8 Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170b(b), 5193(a)).

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