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# S. 2200

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 22, 2019

Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself and Mr. DURBIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

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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 “Fairness for Housing  
5 Communities Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEPOSITING CIVIL PENALTIES AND ASSESSMENTS**  
2 **RELATING TO FALSE CLAIMS AND STATE-**  
3 **MENTS IN FRAUD COMPENSATION FUND.**

4 Section 3806(g) of title 31, United States Code, is  
5 amended by adding at the end the following:

6 “(F)(i) Any amount of a penalty or assess-  
7 ment imposed by the Secretary of Housing and  
8 Urban Development with respect to a claim or  
9 statement made in connection with public hous-  
10 ing assistance received under section 3 of the  
11 United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C.  
12 1437a) shall be returned to the Secretary of  
13 Housing and Urban Development.

14 “(ii) The Secretary may establish a Fraud  
15 Compensation Fund that shall consist only of  
16 amounts returned to the Secretary of Housing  
17 and Urban Development under clause (i).

18 “(iii) Each distribution from a Fraud  
19 Compensation Fund established under clause  
20 (ii) shall be allocated to public housing agencies  
21 (as defined in section 3(b)(6) of the United  
22 States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C.  
23 1437a(b)(6))) that were defrauded or otherwise  
24 affected by a false claim or statement described  
25 in clause (i).

1                   “(iv) If the Secretary establishes a Fraud  
2                   Compensation Fund under clause (ii), the Sec-  
3                   retary shall promulgate regulations to establish  
4                   a formula for allocating the allocations under  
5                   clause (iii).”.

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