

## HR 2878

Community Protection and Response Act of 2003

**Congress:** 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Emergency Management

**Introduced:** Jul 24, 2003

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Education Reform.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Education Reform. (Aug 13, 2003)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-14]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** NY • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. McNulty, Michael R. [D-NY-21]	D · NY		Jul 24, 2003
Rep. Serrano, Jose E. [D-NY-16]	D · NY		Jul 24, 2003
Rep. Towns, Edolphus [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Jul 24, 2003
Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Oct 2, 2003

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 13, 2003
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 8, 2003
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 25, 2003

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Emergency Management

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Jul 24, 2003)

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Community Protection and Response Act of 2003 - Amends the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (the Act) to include a terrorist attack, dispersion of radioactive or other contaminants, dispersion of hazardous substances, or other catastrophic event as a "major disaster" eligible for relief under the Act. Includes as a "private nonprofit facility" for purposes of damages coverage in a major disaster private for-profit telecommunications, phone services, and utilities when losses occur during a homeland security event and are not covered by insurance.

Authorizes the President, at the request of a State governor, to declare that a major disaster constitutes a homeland security event and is of such severity and magnitude that effective response is beyond the capacity of the affected State and local government. Provides specified Federal assistance under the Act upon such a declaration, including reimbursement and grant assistance for lost compensation, sustained losses, and required repairs.

Includes as critical services under the Act education systems, providers of counseling, and providers of assistance to the homeless.

Removes the \$5 million limit on community disaster loans provided under the Act.

Requires or provides for: (1) standards for reporting information concerning disasters involving homeland security events; (2) a special commission to review air quality following a homeland security event; (3) guidelines concerning health risks associated with the release of materials following a homeland security event and associated monitoring and analysis; and (4) grants for data collection during public health emergencies, research on assisting victims, advance preparation for public health emergencies, and disaster relief for local educational agencies.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Aug 13, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Education Reform.
- **Aug 8, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jul 25, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1603)
- **Jul 25, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
- **Jul 24, 2003:** Introduced in House
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