

## HR 4979

### Maintaining Access to Essential Services Act of 2021

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Energy

**Introduced:** Aug 6, 2021

**Current Status:** Referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means,

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned. (Aug 6, 2021)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/4979>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-13]

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

### Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bowman, Jamaal [D-NY-16]	D · NY		Aug 6, 2021
Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Aug 6, 2021
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Aug 6, 2021
Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Aug 6, 2021
Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Aug 24, 2021
Rep. Jones, Mondaire [D-NY-17]	D · NY		Aug 24, 2021
Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Sep 3, 2021
Rep. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Sep 27, 2021
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Sep 27, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Financial Services Committee	House	Referred To	Aug 6, 2021
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Aug 6, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Energy

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## **Maintaining Access to Essential Services Act of 2021**

This bill establishes several loan programs to assist households with paying utility bills for drinking water, wastewater, stormwater management, energy (e.g., electricity, natural gas, or propane), and internet services during the COVID-19 public health emergency. Under the programs, the utilities may apply for loans that are equal to the amount of the payment shortfall from their customers during the emergency.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Aug 6, 2021:** Introduced in House
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