

## HR 539

### Preventing Disaster Revictimization Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Emergency Management

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Graves, Sam [R-MO-6]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** MO • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Carbajal, Salud O. [D-CA-24]	D · CA		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-3]	D · CA		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. LaMalfa, Doug [R-CA-1]	R · CA		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5]	D · CA		Jan 28, 2021
Resident Commissioner González-Colón, Jenniffer [R-PR-At Large]	R · PR		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. Webster, Daniel [R-FL-11]	R · FL		Feb 5, 2021
Rep. Delgado, Antonio [D-NY-19]	D · NY		Apr 14, 2021
Del. Plaskett, Stacey E. [D-VI-At Large]	D · VI		Jun 11, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Budget Committee	House	Discharged From	Jun 14, 2021
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	May 3, 2022
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Discharged from	Mar 24, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Emergency Management

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 1946	Identical bill	May 27, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

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This bill requires the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to waive certain debts owed to the United States related to disaster assistance provided to an individual or household.

Specifically, FEMA must waive a debt owed to the United States related to disaster assistance provided to an individual or household if such assistance (1) was distributed based on an error by FEMA and such debt is construed as a hardship, and (2) is subject to a claim or legal action.

FEMA must report to Congress on (1) actions that it will take to reduce the assistance payment error rate, and (2) the internal processes used to make decisions regarding the distribution of federal disaster assistance to individuals and households and any changes made to such processes.

## Actions Timeline

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- **May 3, 2022:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Peters without amendment. With written report No. 117-101.
- **May 3, 2022:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 359.
- **Jul 14, 2021:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Jun 16, 2021:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Jun 15, 2021:** Ms. Norton moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jun 15, 2021:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2767-2768)
- **Jun 15, 2021:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 539.
- **Jun 15, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H2767)
- **Jun 15, 2021:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H2767)
- **Jun 15, 2021:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 14, 2021:** Reported by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H. Rept. 117-61, Part I.
- **Jun 14, 2021:** Committee on the Budget discharged.
- **Jun 14, 2021:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 43.
- **Mar 24, 2021:** Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management Discharged.
- **Mar 24, 2021:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 24, 2021:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Feb 4, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.
- **Jan 28, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 28, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, 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.