

## HR 2254

Don't Penalize Victims Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Emergency Management

**Introduced:** Mar 21, 2025

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management. (Mar 21, 2025)

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 21, 2025

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Emergency Management

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 HR 4669	Related bill	<b>Sep 3, 2025:</b> Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 57 - 3.

## Summary (as of Mar 21, 2025)

### Don't Penalize Victims Act

This bill enables persons receiving funds from a federal disaster assistance program to also receive funds for that same purpose from any other source except for another federal program or insurance.

Under current law, federal agencies providing financial assistance for losses resulting from a major disaster or emergency are prohibited from allowing recipients to receive other funds for that same purpose from any other source. Persons seeking federal disaster assistance must report the availability or receipt of duplicative funds and federal agencies will reduce the amount of disaster assistance accordingly to prevent a duplication of benefits.

The bill narrows the duplication restriction to apply only to funds from other federal programs or insurance, so federal agencies providing disaster assistance may allow recipients to also receive funds for that same purpose from any other sources (e.g., charitable gifts, legal claims).

### Actions Timeline

- **Mar 21, 2025:** Introduced in House
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- **Mar 21, 2025:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.

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