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119TH CONGRESS
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To amend the definition of extremely low-income families under the United States Housing Act of 1937.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. HERNÁNDEZ (for himself and Mr. TORRES of New York) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on

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 “Puerto Rico Low-In-
5 come Housing Support Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITION OF EXTREMELY LOW-INCOME FAMI-**
2 **LIES.**

3 Clause (i) of section 3(b)(2)(C) of the United States
4 Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437a(b)(2)(C)(i)) is
5 amended—

6 (1) by striking “Puerto Rico or any other” and
7 inserting “any”; and

8 (2) by inserting before the closing parentheses
9 the following: “other than Puerto Rico and in the
10 case of public housing agencies and projects located
11 in Puerto Rico, the same poverty guidelines as used
12 for the contiguous 48 States and the District of Co-
13 lumbia shall apply”.

14 **SEC. 3. REPORT ON LOW INCOME HOUSING ACCESS IN**
15 **PUERTO RICO.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General shall,
17 not later than 180 day after the date of the enactment
18 of this section, submit a report to the Congress about ef-
19 forts made by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Devel-
20 opment, in collaboration with the Government of Puerto
21 Rico, to connect low-income families residing in Puerto
22 Rico with—

23 (1) housing assistance available in Puerto Rico;
24 and

1 (2) affordable dwelling units, including dwelling
2 units that are part of a housing project assisted
3 under the United States Housing Act of 1937.

4 (b) CONTENTS.—The report required under sub-
5 section (a) shall include—

6 (1) an assessment of how the Secretary of
7 Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the
8 Puerto Rico Public Housing Administration
9 (PRPHA) identify and address housing needs for ex-
10 tremely low-income families that reside in Puerto
11 Rico;

12 (2) an assessment how the Secretary of Hous-
13 ing and Urban Development uses Federal disaster
14 recovery funds to rebuild and expand low-income
15 housing after natural disasters in Puerto Rico, in-
16 cluding hurricanes and earthquakes; and

17 (3) recommendations to improve the effective-
18 ness of Federal and local housing programs that
19 serve extremely low-income families that reside in
20 Puerto Rico.