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S. 2946

To provide direct appropriations for certain housing programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 21, 2019

Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. BOOKER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

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 “Pathway to Stable and
5 Affordable Housing for All Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

8 (1) the 2018 point-in-time counts by the De-
9 partment of Housing and Urban Development esti-
10 mated that there were approximately 552,830 people

1 experiencing homelessness on a single night in 2018,
 2 including nearly 160,000 children and youth;

3 (2) the number of people experiencing homeless-
 4 ness described in paragraph (1) represents 17 out of
 5 every 10,000 people in the United States;

6 (3) steps taken by the current Administration
 7 stand to limit access to programs that support indi-
 8 viduals experiencing hardship in the United States,
 9 which could potentially increase the number of those
 10 who experience homelessness;

11 (4) experts estimate that fully funding housing
 12 vouchers and providing an additional
 13 \$40,000,000,000 in funding to the Housing Trust
 14 Fund each year could eliminate homelessness and
 15 housing poverty; and

16 (5) the Federal Government must reiterate its
 17 commitment to ending homelessness and take ac-
 18 tionable steps to do so.

19 **SEC. 3. DIRECT APPROPRIATIONS FOR HOUSING PRO-**
 20 **GRAMS.**

21 (a) **TENANT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE.**—Out of
 22 funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there
 23 is appropriated to the Secretary of Housing and Urban
 24 Development for the provision of tenant-based rental as-
 25 sistance authorized under the United States Housing Act

1 of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437 et seq.) such sums as may be
 2 necessary for each of fiscal years 2020 through 2029.

3 (b) HOUSING TRUST FUND.—Out of funds in the
 4 Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there is appro-
 5 priated to the Housing Trust Fund established under sec-
 6 tion 1338(a) of the Federal Housing Enterprises Finan-
 7 cial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C.
 8 4568(a)) \$40,000,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2020
 9 through 2029.

10 (c) CONTINUUM OF CARE PROGRAM.—Out of funds
 11 in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there is ap-
 12 propriated to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Devel-
 13 opment—

14 (1) \$10,000,000,000 for each of fiscal years
 15 2020, 2021, and 2022 to make planning grants
 16 under the continuum of care program authorized
 17 under subtitle C of the McKinney-Vento Homeless
 18 Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11381 et seq.); and

19 (2) \$10,000,000,000 for each of fiscal years
 20 2023 through 2029 to make grants under the con-
 21 tinuum of care program authorized under subtitle C
 22 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42
 23 U.S.C. 11381 et seq.)

24 (d) EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAM.—
 25 Out of funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,

1 there is appropriated to the Secretary of Housing and
2 Urban Development \$10,000,000,000 for each of fiscal
3 years 2020, 2021, and 2022 to make grants under the
4 emergency solutions grant program authorized under sub-
5 title B of title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assist-
6 ance Act (42 U.S.C. 11371 et seq.).

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