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A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To declare the existence of an emergency, due to congressional review, with respect to the need to amend the Homeless Services Reform Act of 2005 to reform the Emergency Rental Assistance Program to aid tenants in their recovery from the public health emergency, and to reduce administrative barriers to Emergency Rental Assistance Program payments for tenants in need.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Emergency Rental Assistance Reform Congressional Review Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2021”.

Sec. 2. (a) On October 6, 2020, the Council unanimously approved the “Emergency Rental Assistance Reform Emergency Amendment Act of 2020.” The Act became law on November 4, 2020 and expired on February 1, 2021.

(b) On October 20, 2020, the Council unanimously approved the “Emergency Rental Assistance Reform Temporary Amendment Act of 2020.” The temporary Act was transmitted to Congress on February 1, 2021 and is projected to become law on March 15, 2021.

(c) In order to address the gap in the law between the expiration of the Emergency Act and the effective date of the Temporary Act, it is necessary to approve congressional review emergency legislation.

33           Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances  
34 enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the  
35 Emergency Rental Assistance Reform Congressional Review Emergency Amendment Act of  
36 2021 be adopted after a single reading.

37           Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.