Amendment to H.R. 1309 Offered by Ms. Waters of California

Page 41, line 17, before "COMMUNITY" insert "CDBG ELIGIBILITY FOR FLOOD INSURANCE OUT-REACH ACTIVITIES AND".

Page 41, line 24, strike "and" inside the quotation marks.

Page 42, line 2, strike "paragraph" and insert "paragraphs".

Page 44, line 7, strike the periods and the quotation marks and insert "; and".

Page 44, after line 7, insert the following:

1 "(27) provision of assistance to local govern-2 mental agencies responsible for floodplain manage-3 ment activities (including such agencies of Indians tribes, as such term is defined in section 4 of the 4 5 Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103)) in com-6 7 munities that participate in the national flood insur-8 ance program under the National Flood Insurance 9 Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 4001 et seq.), only for car-

1	rying out outreach activities to encourage and facili-
2	tate the purchase of flood insurance protection
3	under such Act by owners and renters of properties
4	in such communities and to promote educational ac-
5	tivities that increase awareness of flood risk reduc-
6	tion ; except that—
7	"(A) amounts used as provided under this
8	paragraph shall be used only for activities de-
9	signed to—
10	"(i) identify owners and renters of
11	properties in communities that participate
12	in the national flood insurance program,
13	including owners of residential and com-
14	mercial properties;
15	"(ii) notify such owners and renters
16	when their properties become included in,
17	or when they are excluded from, an area
18	having special flood hazards and the effect
19	of such inclusion or exclusion on the appli-
20	cability of the mandatory flood insurance
21	purchase requirement under section 102 of
22	the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973
23	(42 U.S.C. 4012a) to such properties;
24	"(iii) educate such owners and renters
25	regarding the flood risk and reduction of

1	this risk in their community, including the
2	continued flood risks to areas that are no
3	longer subject to the flood insurance man-
4	datory purchase requirement;
5	"(iv) educate such owners and renters
6	regarding the benefits and costs of main-
7	taining or acquiring flood insurance, in-
8	cluding, where applicable, lower-cost pre-
9	ferred risk policies under this title for such
10	properties and the contents of such prop-
11	erties;
12	"(v) encourage such owners and rent-
13	ers to maintain or acquire such coverage;
14	"(vi) notify such owners of where to
15	obtain information regarding how to obtain
16	such coverage, including a telephone num-
17	ber, mailing address, and Internet site of
18	the Administrator of the Federal Emer-
19	gency Management Agency (in this para-
20	graph referred to as the 'Administrator')
21	where such information is available; and
22	"(vii) educate local real estate agents
23	in communities participating in the na-
24	tional flood insurance program regarding
25	the program and the availability of cov-

1erage under the program for owners and2renters of properties in such communities,3and establish coordination and liaisons4with such real estate agents to facilitate5purchase of coverage under the National6Flood Insurance Act of 1968 and increase7awareness of flood risk reduction;

8 "(B) in any fiscal year, a local govern-9 mental agency may not use an amount under 10 this paragraph that exceeds 3 times the amount 11 that the agency certifies, as the Secretary, in 12 consultation with the Administrator, shall re-13 quire, that the agency will contribute from non-14 Federal funds to be used with such amounts 15 used under this paragraph only for carrying out 16 activities described in subparagraph (A); and 17 for purposes of this subparagraph, the term 18 'non-Federal funds' includes State or local gov-19 ernment agency amounts, in-kind contributions, 20 any salary paid to staff to carry out the eligible 21 activities of the local governmental agency in-22 volved, the value of the time and services con-23 tributed by volunteers to carry out such services 24 (at a rate determined by the Secretary), and

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the value of any donated material or building and the value of any lease on a building;

"(C) a local governmental agency that uses amounts as provided under this paragraph may coordinate or contract with other agencies and entities having particular capacities, specialties, or experience with respect to certain populations or constituencies, including elderly or disabled families or persons, to carry out activities described in subparagraph (A) with respect to such populations or constituencies; and

12 "(D) each local government agency that 13 uses amounts as provided under this paragraph 14 shall submit a report to the Secretary and the 15 Administrator, not later than 12 months after such amounts are first received, which shall in-16 17 clude such information as the Secretary and the 18 Administrator jointly consider appropriate to 19 describe the activities conducted using such 20 amounts and the effect of such activities on the 21 retention or acquisition of flood insurance cov-22 erage.".

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