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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. SHERMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on

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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 “Homeless Assistance

5 Act of 2021”.

SEC. 2. LIMITED AUTHORITY TO SHARE INFORMATION REGARDING HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WITH APPROPRIATE ENTITY WITHIN CONTINUUM OF CARE.

Section 2 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(c) LIMITED AUTHORITY TO SHARE INFORMATION REGARDING HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WITH APPROPRIATE ENTITY WITHIN CONTINUUM OF CARE.—Notwithstanding section 904 of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Amendments Act of 1988 (42 U.S.C. 3544), a public housing agency may disclose, to the collaborative applicant of the local Continuum of Care or designee of the collaborative applicant within which the jurisdiction of the public housing agency is located, information regarding individuals and families who are homeless (as such term is used in section 103 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11302)) or at risk of homelessness (as such term is used in section 401 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 11360)), but only—

“(1) for the purpose of facilitating the identification, assessment, and linkage of housing and supportive services for such individuals and families to ensure continuity of care, to the extent allowable under State Law;
“(2) if the public housing agency takes appropriate measures to ensure that the privacy of the individuals and families is protected and that the information, including any personally identifiable information, is used only for the purpose described in paragraph (1); and

“(3) if the public housing agency takes appropriate measures to ensure clients’ information and confidentiality is protected pursuant to section 41411(c)(4) of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12491(c)(4)), and any regulations promulgated pursuant to such section.”.