

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 5889
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Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SEC. 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Eviction Helpline Act”.

3 SEC. 2. EVICTION INFORMATION.

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Housing and
5 Urban Development shall, not later than 1 year after the
6 date of the enactment of this Act, establish a program—

7 (1) to establish a hotline to provide tenants of
8 covered federally assisted rental dwelling units with
9 counseling, resources, and referrals to available as-
10 sistance relating to eviction-related matters; and

11 (2) to provide information about such hotline to
12 tenants of covered federally assisted rental dwelling
13 units by publishing information about such hotline
14 in common areas of each federally assisted rental
15 dwellings and through other means determined ap-
16 propriate by the Secretary of Housing and Urban
17 Development.

1 (b) SUNSET.—The program established under this
2 section shall terminate on the date that is 7 years after
3 the date of the enactment of this section.

4 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

5 (a) For the purposes of this Act:

6 (1) ASSISTANCE.—The term “assistance”
7 means any grant, loan, subsidy, contract, cooperative
8 agreement, or other form of financial assistance, but
9 such term does not include the insurance or guar-
10 antee of a loan, mortgage, or pool of loans or mort-
11 gages.

12 (2) COVERED FEDERALLY ASSISTED RENTAL
13 DWELLING UNIT.—The term “covered federally as-
14 sisted rental dwelling unit” means a residential
15 dwelling unit that—

16 (A) is made available for rental; and

17 (B)(i) for which assistance is provided, or
18 that is part of a housing project for which as-
19 sistance is provided, under any program admin-
20 istered by the Secretary of Housing and Urban
21 Development, including—

22 (I) the public housing program under
23 the United States Housing Act of 1937 21
24 (42 U.S.C. 1437 et seq.);

1 (II) the program for rental assistance
2 under section 8 of the United States Hous-
3 ing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f);

4 (III) the HOME Investment Partner-
5 ships program under title II of the Cran-
6 ston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing
7 Act (42 U.S.C. 12721 et seq.);

8 (IV) title IV of the McKinney-Vento
9 Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11360
10 et seq.);

11 (V) the Housing Trust Fund program
12 under section 1338 of the Housing and
13 Community Development Act of 1992 (12
14 U.S.C. 4568);

15 (VI) the program for supportive hous-
16 ing for the elderly under section 202 of the
17 Housing Act of 1959 (12 U.S.C. 1701q);

18 (VII) the program for supportive
19 housing for persons with disabilities under
20 section 811 of the Cranston-Gonzalez Na-
21 tional Affordable Housing Act (42 U.S.C.
22 8013);

23 (VIII) the AIDS Housing Opportuni-
24 ties program under subtitle D of title VIII
25 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Afford-

1 able Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 12901 et
2 seq.);

3 (IX) the program for Native American
4 housing under the Native American Hous-
5 ing Assistance and Self-Determination Act
6 of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4101 et seq.); and

7 (X) the program for housing assist-
8 ance for Native Hawaiians under title VIII
9 of the Native American Housing Assist-
10 ance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 7
11 (25 U.S.C. 4221 et seq.); or

12 (ii) is a property, or is on or in a property,
13 that has a federally backed mortgage loan or
14 federally backed multifamily mortgage loan, as
15 such terms are defined in section 4024(a) of
16 the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9058(a)).

