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To amend the CARES Act to provide forbearance and foreclosure moratoriums for all mortgage loans, and for other purposes.

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Mr. Clay (for himself, Ms. Waters, Mr. Lawson of Florida, Ms. Norton, Mr. Green of Texas, Mr. Lynch, Mr. García of Illinois, Mr. Smith of Washington, Mrs. Hayes, Mr. Khanna, Mr. Brown of Maryland, Miss Rice of New York, Mr. Hastings, Mr. Espaillat, Mr. Sherman, Mr. Carson of Indiana, Mr. Sires, Ms. Schakowsky, Mr. Meeks, Mr. Higgins of New York, Mr. Cohen, Ms. Roybal-Allard, Ms. Judy Chu of California, Mr. Soto, and Ms. Gabbard) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To amend the CARES Act to provide forbearance and foreclosure moratoriums for all mortgage loans, and for other purposes.

- 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. MORTGAGE RELIEF.
- 4 (a) Short Title.—This section may be cited as the
- 5 "COVID-19 Mortgage Relief Act".

1	(b) Mortgage Relief.—
2	(1) Forbearance and foreclosure mora-
3	TORIUM FOR COVERED MORTGAGE LOANS.—Section
4	4022 of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9056) is
5	amended—
6	(A) by striking "Federally backed mort-
7	gage loan" each place such term appears and
8	inserting "covered mortgage loan"; and
9	(B) in subsection (a)—
10	(i) by amending paragraph (2) to read
11	as follows:
12	"(2) COVERED MORTGAGE LOAN.—The term
13	'covered mortgage loan' means any credit trans-
14	action that is secured by a mortgage, deed of trust
15	or other equivalent consensual security interest on a
16	1- to 4-unit dwelling or on residential real property
17	that includes a 1- to 4-unit dwelling, except that it
18	shall not include a credit transaction under an open
19	end credit plan other than a reverse mortgage."; and
20	(ii) by adding at the end the fol-
21	lowing:
22	"(3) Covered Period.—With respect to a
23	loan, the term 'covered period' means the period be-
24	ginning on the date of enactment of this Act and
25	ending 12 months after such date of enactment.".

1	(2) Automatic forbearance for delin-
2	QUENT BORROWERS.—Section 4022(c) of the
3	CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9056(c)), as amended by
4	paragraph (5) of this subsection, is further amended
5	by adding at the end the following:
6	"(9) Automatic forbearance for delin-
7	QUENT BORROWERS.—
8	"(A) In General.—Notwithstanding any
9	other law governing forbearance relief—
10	"(i) any borrower whose covered mort-
11	gage loan became 60 days delinquent be-
12	tween March 13, 2020, and the date of en-
13	actment of this paragraph, and who has
14	not already received a forbearance under
15	subsection (b), shall automatically be
16	granted a 60-day forbearance that begins
17	on the date of enactment of this para-
18	graph, provided that a borrower shall not
19	be considered delinquent for purposes of
20	this paragraph while making timely pay-
21	ments or otherwise performing under a
22	trial modification or other loss mitigation
23	agreement; and
24	"(ii) any borrower whose covered
25	mortgage loan becomes 60 days delinquent

between the date of enactment of this paragraph and the end of the covered period, and who has not already received a forbearance under subsection (b), shall automatically be granted a 60-day forbearance that begins on the 60th day of delinquency, provided that a borrower shall not be considered delinquent for purposes of this paragraph while making timely payments or otherwise performing under a trial modification or other loss mitigation agreement.

"(B) Initial extension.—An automatic forbearance provided under subparagraph (A) shall be extended for up to an additional 120 days upon the borrower's request, oral or written, submitted to the borrower's servicer affirming that the borrower is experiencing a financial hardship that prevents the borrower from making timely payments on the covered mortgage loan due, directly or indirectly, to the COVID—19 emergency.

"(C) Subsequent extension.—A forbearance extended under subparagraph (B) shall be extended for up to an additional 180

days, up to a maximum of 360 days (including the period of automatic forbearance), upon the borrower's request, oral or written, submitted to the borrower's servicer affirming that the borrower is experiencing a financial hardship that prevents the borrower from making timely payments on the covered mortgage loan due, directly or indirectly, to the COVID-19 emergency.

"(D) RIGHT TO ELECT TO CONTINUE MAKING PAYMENTS.—With respect to a forbearance
provided under this paragraph, the borrower of
such loan may elect to continue making regular
payments on the loan. A borrower who makes
such election shall be offered a loss mitigation
option pursuant to subsection (d) within 30
days of resuming regular payments to address
any payment deficiency during the forbearance.

"(E) RIGHT TO SHORTEN FORBEAR-ANCE.—At a borrower's request, any period of forbearance provided under this paragraph may be shortened. A borrower who makes such a request shall be offered a loss mitigation option pursuant to subsection (d) within 30 days of re-

1	suming regular payments to address any pay-
2	ment deficiency during the forbearance.
3	"(10) Automatic forbearance for certain
4	REVERSE MORTGAGE LOANS.—
5	"(A) IN GENERAL.—When any covered
6	mortgage loan which is also a federally insured
7	reverse mortgage loan, during the covered pe-
8	riod, is due and payable due to the death of the
9	last borrower or end of a deferral period or eli-
10	gible to be called due and payable due to a
11	property charge default, or if the borrower de-
12	faults on a property charge repayment plan, or
13	if the borrower defaults for failure to complete
14	property repairs, or if an obligation of the bor-
15	rower under the Security Instrument is not per-
16	formed, the mortgagee automatically shall be
17	granted a six-month extension of—
18	"(i) the mortgagee's deadline to re-
19	quest due and payable status from the De-
20	partment of Housing and Urban Develop-
21	ment;
22	"(ii) the mortgage's deadline to send
23	notification to the mortgagor or his or her
24	heirs that the loan is due and payable;

1	"(iii) the deadline to initiate fore-
2	closure;
3	"(iv) any reasonable diligence period
4	related to foreclosure or the Mortgagee Op-
5	tional Election;
6	"(v) if applicable, the deadline to ob-
7	tain the due and payable appraisal; and
8	"(vi) any claim submission deadline,
9	including the 6-month acquired property
10	marketing period.
11	"(B) Forbearance Period.—The mort-
12	gagee shall not request due and payable status
13	from the Secretary of Housing and Urban De-
14	velopment nor initiate foreclosure during this
15	six-month period described under subparagraph
16	(A), which shall be considered a forbearance pe-
17	riod.
18	"(C) Extension.—A forbearance provided
19	under subparagraph (B) and related deadline
20	extension authorized under subparagraph (A)
21	shall be extended for an additional 180 days
22	upon—
23	"(i) the borrower's request, oral or
24	written, submitted to the borrower's
25	servicer affirming that the borrower is ex-

1	periencing a financial hardship that pre-
2	vents the borrower from making payments
3	on property charges, completing property
4	repairs, or performing an obligation of the
5	borrower under the Security Instrument
6	due, directly or indirectly, to the COVID-
7	19 emergency;
8	"(ii) a non-borrowing spouse's re-
9	quest, oral or written, submitted to the
10	servicer affirming that the non-borrowing
11	spouse has been unable to satisfy all cri-
12	teria for the Mortgagee Optional Election
13	program due, directly or indirectly, to the
14	COVID-19 emergency, or to perform all
15	actions necessary to become an eligible
16	non-borrowing spouse following the death
17	of all borrowers; or
18	"(iii) a successor-in-interest of the
19	borrower's request, oral or written, sub-
20	mitted to the servicer affirming the heir's
21	difficulty satisfying the reverse mortgage
22	loan due, directly or indirectly, to the
23	COVID-19 emergency.
24	"(D) Curtailment of debenture in-
25	TEREST.—Where any covered mortgage loan

which is also a federally insured reverse mortgage loan is in default during the covered period and subject to a prior event which provides for curtailment of debenture interest in connection with a claim for insurance benefits, the curtailment of debenture interest shall be suspended during any forbearance period provided herein.".

(3) Additional foreclosure and repossession protections.—Section 4022(c) of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9056(c)) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (2), by striking "may not initiate any judicial or non-judicial foreclosure process, move for a foreclosure judgment or order of sale, or execute a foreclosure-related eviction or foreclosure sale for not less than the 60-day period beginning on March 18, 2020" and inserting "may not initiate or proceed with any judicial or non-judicial foreclosure process, schedule a foreclosure sale, move for a foreclosure judgment or order of sale, execute a foreclosure related eviction or foreclosure sale for six months after the date of enactment of the COVID-19 HERO Act"; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

1	"(3) Repossession moratorium.—In the case
2	of personal property, including any recreational or
3	motor vehicle, used as a dwelling, no person may use
4	any judicial or non-judicial procedure to repossess or
5	otherwise take possession of such property for six
6	months after date of enactment of this paragraph.".
7	(4) Mortgage forbearance reforms.—Sec-
8	tion 4022 of the CARES Act $(15\ U.S.C.\ 9056)$ is
9	amended—
10	(A) in subsection (b), by striking para-
11	graphs (1), (2), and (3) and inserting the fol-
12	lowing:
13	"(1) In general.—During the covered period,
14	a borrower with a covered mortgage loan who has
15	not obtained automatic forbearance pursuant to this
16	section and who is experiencing a financial hardship
17	that prevents the borrower from making timely pay-
18	ments on the covered mortgage loan due, directly or
19	indirectly, to the COVID-19 emergency may request
20	forbearance on the loan, regardless of delinquency
21	status, by—
22	"(A) submitting a request, orally or in
23	writing, to the servicer of the loan; and
24	"(B) affirming that the borrower is experi-
25	encing a financial hardship that prevents the

borrower from making timely payments on the covered mortgage loan due, directly or indirectly, to the COVID-19 emergency.

"(2) Duration of Forbearance.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—Upon a request by a borrower to a servicer for forbearance under paragraph (1), such forbearance shall be granted by the servicer for the period requested by the borrower, up to an initial length of 180 days, the length of which shall be extended by the servicer, at the request of the borrower for the period or periods requested, for a total forbearance period of up to 12 months.

"(B) MINIMUM FORBEARANCE AMOUNTS.—For purposes of granting a forbearance under this paragraph, a servicer may grant an initial forbearance with a term of not less than 90 days, provided that it is automatically extended for an additional 90 days unless the servicer confirms the borrower does not want to renew the forbearance or that the borrower is no longer experiencing a financial hardship that prevents the borrower from making timely mortgage payments due, directly or indirectly, to the COVID-19 emergency.

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"(C) RIGHT TO SHORTEN FORBEAR-ANCE.—At a borrower's request, any period of forbearance described under this paragraph may be shortened. A borrower who makes such a request shall be offered a loss mitigation option pursuant to subsection (d) within 30 days of resuming regular payments to address any payment deficiency during the forbearance.

"(3) Accrual of interest or fees.—A servicer shall not charge a borrower any fees, penalties, or interest (beyond the amounts scheduled or calculated as if the borrower made all contractual payments on time and in full under the terms of the mortgage contract) in connection with a forbearance, provided that a servicer may offer the borrower a modification option at the end of a forbearance period granted hereunder that includes the capitalization of past due principal and interest and escrow payments as long as the borrower's principal and interest payment under such modification remains at or below the contractual principal and interest payments owed under the terms of the mortgage contract before such forbearance period except as the result of a change in the index of an adjustable rate mortgage.

- 1 "(4) COMMUNICATION WITH SERVICERS.—Any 2 communication between a borrower and a servicer 3 described under this section may be made in writing 4 or orally, at the borrower's choice.
 - "(5) Communication with Borrowers with A DISABILITY.—Upon request from a borrower, servicers shall communicate with borrowers who have a disability in the borrower's preferred method of communication. For purposes of this paragraph, the term 'disability' has the meaning given that term in the Fair Housing Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, or the Rehabilitation Act of 1973."; and
 - (B) in subsection (c), by amending paragraph (1) to read as follows:
 - "(1) No documentation requires any documentation with respect to a forbearance under this section other than the borrower's affirmation (oral or written) to a financial hardship that prevents the borrower from making timely payments on the covered mortgage loan due, directly or indirectly, to the COVID-19 emergency. An oral request for forbearance and oral affirmation of hardship by

- the borrower shall be sufficient for the borrower to obtain or extend a forbearance.".
- (5) OTHER SERVICER REQUIREMENTS DURING
 FORBEARANCE.—Section 4022(c) of the CARES Act
 (15 U.S.C. 9056(c)), as amended by paragraph (3)
 of this subsection, is further amended by adding at
 the end the following:
 - "(4) Forbearance to a covered mortgage loan providing forbearance to a borrower under subsection (b) or paragraph (9) or (10), or 10 days if the forbearance is for a term of less than 60 days, but only where the forbearance was provided in response to a borrower's request for forbearance or when an automatic forbearance was initially provided under paragraph (9) or (10), and not when an existing forbearance is automatically extended, the servicer shall provide the borrower with a notice in accordance with the terms in paragraph (5).
 - "(5) Contents of notice.—The written notice required under paragraph (4) shall state in plain language—
- 23 "(A) the specific terms of the forbearance;
- 24 "(B) the beginning and ending dates of the25 forbearance;

1	"(C) that the borrower is eligible for up to
2	12 months of forbearance;
3	"(D) that the borrower may request an ex-
4	tension of the forbearance unless the borrower
5	will have reached the maximum period at the
6	end of the forbearance;
7	"(E) that the borrower may request that
8	the initial or extended period be shortened at
9	any time;
10	"(F) that the borrower should contact the
11	servicer before the end of the forbearance pe-
12	riod;
13	"(G) a description of the loss mitigation
14	options that may be available to the borrower at
15	the end of the forbearance period based on the
16	borrower's specific loan;
17	"(H) information on how to find a housing
18	counseling agency approved by the Department
19	of Housing and Urban Development;
20	"(I) in the case of a forbearance provided
21	pursuant to paragraph (9) or (10), that the for-
22	bearance was automatically provided and how
23	to contact the servicer to make arrangements
24	for further assistance, including any renewal;
25	and

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1	"(J) where applicable, that the forbearance
2	is subject to an automatic extension including
3	the terms of any such automatic extensions and
4	when any further extension would require a bor-
5	rower request.
6	"(6) Treatment of Escrow Accounts.—
7	During any forbearance provided under this section,
8	a servicer shall pay or advance funds to make dis-
9	bursements in a timely manner from any escrow ac-
10	count established on the covered mortgage loan.
11	"(7) Notification for Borrowers.—During
12	the period that begins 90 days after the date of the
13	enactment of this paragraph and ends at the end of
14	the covered period, each servicer of a covered mort-
15	gage loan shall be required to—
16	"(A) make available in a clear and con-
17	spicuous manner on their web page accurate in-
18	formation, in English and Spanish, for bor-
19	rowers regarding the availability of forbearance
20	as provided under subsection (b); and
21	"(B) notify every borrower whose pay-
22	ments on a covered mortgage loan are delin-
23	quent in any oral communication with or to the

borrower that the borrower may be eligible to

request forbearance as provided under sub-

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section (b), except that such notice shall not be required if the borrower already has requested forbearance under subsection (b).

"(8) CERTAIN TREATMENT UNDER RESPA.—As long as a borrower's payment on a covered mortgage loan was not more than 30 days delinquent on March 13, 2020, a servicer may not deem the borrower as delinquent while a forbearance granted under subsection (b) is in effect for purposes of the application of sections 6 and 10 of the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act and any applicable regulations.".

(6) Post-forbearance loss mitigation.—

(A) AMENDMENT TO CARES ACT.—Section 4022 of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9056) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(d) Post-Forbearance Loss Mitigation.—

"(1) Notice of availability of additional forbearance in which forbearance under this section has been granted and not otherwise extended, including by automatic extension, a servicer shall, no later than 30 days before the end of the forbearance period, in writing, notify the borrower that additional forbearance may be available and how to re-

quest such forbearance, except that no such notice is required where the borrower already has requested an extension of the forbearance period, is subject to automatic extension pursuant to subsection (b)(2)(B), or no additional forbearance is available.

"(2) Loss mitigation offer before expiration of forbearance.—No later than 30 days before the end of any forbearance period that has not been extended or 30 days after a request by a consumer to terminate the forbearance, which time shall be before the servicer initiates or engages in any foreclosure activity listed in subsection (c)(2), including incurring or charging to a borrower any fees or corporate advances related to a foreclosure, the servicer shall, in writing—

"(A) offer the borrower a loss mitigation option, without the charging of any fees or penalties other than interest, such that the borrower's principal and interest payment remains the same as it was prior to the forbearance, subject to any adjustment of the index pursuant to the terms of an adjustable rate mortgage, and that either—

"(i) defers the payment of total arrearages, including any escrow advances,

1	to the end of the existing term of the loan,
2	without the charging or collection of any
3	additional interest on the deferred
4	amounts; or
5	"(ii) extends the term of the mortgage
6	loan, and capitalizes, defers, or forgives all
7	escrow advances and other arrearages,
8	provided, however, that the servicer may offer
9	the borrower a loss mitigation option that re-
10	duces the principal and interest payment on the
11	loan and capitalizes, defers, or forgives all es-
12	crow advances or arrearages if the servicer has
13	information indicating that the borrower cannot
14	resume the pre-forbearance mortgage payments;
15	and
16	"(B) concurrent with the loss mitigation
17	offer in subparagraph (A), notify the borrower
18	that the borrower has the right to be evaluated
19	for other loss mitigation options if the borrower
20	is not able to make the payment under the op-
21	tion offered in subparagraph (A).
22	"(3) Evaluation for loss mitigation prior
23	TO FORECLOSURE INITIATION.—Before a servicer
24	may initiate or engage in any foreclosure activity
25	listed in subsection $(c)(2)$, including incurring or

1	charging to a borrower any fees or corporate ad-
2	vances related to a foreclosure on the basis that the
3	borrower has failed to perform under the loss miti-
4	gation offer in paragraph (2)(A) within the first 90
5	days after the option is offered, including a failure
6	to accept the loss mitigation offer in paragraph
7	(2)(A), the servicer shall—
8	"(A) unless the borrower has already sub-
9	mitted a complete application that the servicer
10	is reviewing—
11	"(i) notify the borrower in writing of
12	the documents and information, if any,
13	needed by the servicer to enable the
14	servicer to consider the borrower for all
15	available loss mitigation options; and
16	"(ii) exercise reasonable diligence to
17	obtain the documents and information
18	needed to complete the borrower's loss
19	mitigation application; and
20	"(B) upon receipt of a complete applica-
21	tion or if, despite the servicer's exercise of rea-
22	sonable diligence, the loss mitigation application
23	remains incomplete sixty days after the notice
24	in paragraph (2)(A) is sent, conduct an evalua-
25	tion of the complete or incomplete loss mitiga-

tion application without reference to whether
the borrower has previously submitted a complete loss mitigation application and offer the
borrower all available loss mitigation options for
which the borrower qualifies under applicable
investor guidelines, including guidelines regarding required documentation.

- "(4) EFFECT ON FUTURE REQUESTS FOR LOSS MITIGATION REVIEW.—An application, offer, or evaluation for loss mitigation under this section shall not be the basis for the denial of a borrower's application as duplicative or for a reduction in the borrower's appeal rights under Regulation X (12 C.F.R. 1024) in regard to any loss mitigation application submitted after the servicer has complied with the requirements of paragraphs (2) and (3).
- "(5) SAFE HARBOR.—Any loss mitigation option authorized by the Federal National Mortgage Association, the Federal Home Loan Corporation, or the Federal Housing Administration that either—
 - "(A) defers the payment of total arrearages, including any escrow advances, to the end of the existing term of the loan, without the charging or collection of any additional interest on the deferred amounts; or

1	"(B) extends the term of the mortgage
2	loan, and capitalizes, defers, or forgives all es-
3	crow advances and other arrearages, without
4	the charging of any fees or penalties beyond in-
5	terest on any amount capitalized into the loan
6	principal,
7	shall be deemed to comply with the requirements of
8	paragraph (1)(B).
9	"(6) Home retention options for certain
10	REVERSE MORTGAGE LOANS.—
11	"(A) In general.—For a covered mort-
12	gage loan which is also a federally insured re-
13	verse mortgage loan, a servicer's conduct shall
14	be deemed to comply with this section provided
15	that if the loan is eligible to be called due and
16	payable due to a property charge default, the
17	mortgagee shall, as a precondition to sending a
18	due and payable request to the Secretary or ini-
19	tiating or continuing a foreclosure process—
20	"(i) make a good faith effort to com-
21	municate with the borrower regarding
22	available home retention options to cure
23	the property charge default, including en-
24	couraging the borrower to apply for home
25	retention options: and

1	"(ii) consider the borrower for all
2	available home retention options as allowed
3	by the Secretary.
4	"(B) Permissible repayment plans.—
5	The Secretary shall amend its allowable home
6	retention options to permit a repayment plan of
7	up to 120 months in length, and to permit a re-
8	payment plan without regard to prior defaults
9	on repayment plans.
10	"(C) Limitation on interest curtail-
11	MENT.—The Secretary may not curtail interest
12	paid to mortgagees who engage in loss mitiga-
13	tion or home retention actions through interest
14	curtailment during such loss mitigation or home
15	retention review or during the period when a
16	loss mitigation or home retention plan is in ef-
17	fect and ending 90 days after any such plan
18	terminates.".
19	(B) Amendment to housing act of
20	1949.—Section 505 of the Housing Act of 1949
21	(42 U.S.C. 1475) is amended—
22	(i) by striking the section heading and
23	inserting "LOSS MITIGATION AND FORE-
24	CLOSURE PROCEDURES'';

1	(ii) in subsection (a), by striking the
2	section designation and all that follows
3	through "During any" and inserting the
4	following:
5	"Sec. 505. (a) Moratorium—(1) In determining a
6	borrower's eligibility for relief, the Secretary shall make
7	all eligibility decisions based on the borrower's household's
8	income, expenses, and circumstances.
9	"(2) During any;
10	(iii) by redesignating subsection (b) as
11	subsection (c); and
12	(iv) by inserting after subsection (a)
13	the following new subsection:
14	"(b) Loan Modification.—(1) Notwithstanding
15	any other provision of this title, for any loan made under
16	section 502 or 504, the Secretary may modify the interest
17	rate and extend the term of such loan for up to 30 years
18	from the date of such modification.
19	"(2) At the end of any moratorium period granted
20	under this section or under the COVID-19 HERO Act,
21	the Secretary shall determine whether the borrower can
22	reasonably resume making principal and interest pay-
23	ments after the Secretary modifies the borrower's loan ob-
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1	(7) Multifamily mortgage forbearance.—
2	Section 4023 of the CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9057)
3	is amended—
4	(A) by striking "Federally backed multi-
5	family mortgage loan" each place such term ap-
6	pears and inserting "multifamily mortgage
7	loan'';
8	(B) in subsection (b), by striking "during"
9	and inserting "due, directly or indirectly, to";
10	(C) in subsection (e)(1)—
11	(i) in subparagraph (A), by adding
12	"and" at the end; and
13	(ii) by striking subparagraphs (B) and
14	(C) and inserting the following:
15	"(B) provide the forbearance for up to the
16	end of the period described under section
17	4024(b).";
18	(D) by redesignating subsection (f) as sub-
19	section (g);
20	(E) by inserting after subsection (e) the
21	following:
22	"(f) Treatment After Forbearance.—With re-
23	spect to a multifamily mortgage loan provided a forbear-
24	ance under this section, the servicer of such loan—

1	"(1) shall provide the borrower with a 12-
2	month period beginning at the end of such forbear-
3	ance to become current on the payments under such
4	loan;
5	"(2) may not charge any late fees, penalties, or
6	other charges with respect to payments on the loan
7	that were due during the forbearance period, if such
8	payments are made before the end of the 12-month
9	period; and
10	"(3) may not report any adverse information to
11	a credit rating agency (as defined under section 603
12	of the Fair Credit Reporting Act with respect to any
13	payments on the loan that were due during the for-
14	bearance period, if such payments are made before
15	the end of the 12-month period.)"; and
16	(F) in subsection (g), as so redesignated—
17	(i) in paragraph (2)—
18	(I) by striking "that—" and all
19	that follows through "(A) is secured
20	by" and inserting "that is secured
21	by'';
22	(II) by striking "; and" and in-
23	serting a period; and
24	(III) by striking subparagraph
25	(B); and

1	(ii) by amending paragraph (5) to
2	read as follows:
3	"(5) COVERED PERIOD.—With respect to a
4	loan, the term 'covered period' has the meaning
5	given that term under section 4022(a)(3).".
6	(8) Renter protections during forbear-
7	ANCE PERIOD.—A borrower that receives a forbear-
8	ance pursuant to section 4022 or 4023 of the
9	CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9056 or 9057) may not, for
10	the duration of the forbearance—
11	(A) evict or initiate the eviction of a tenant
12	solely for nonpayment of rent or other fees or
13	charges; or
14	(B) charge any late fees, penalties, or
15	other charges to a tenant for late payment of
16	rent.
17	(9) Extension of GSE patch.—
18	(A) Non-applicability of existing
19	SUNSET.—Section 1026.43(e)(4)(iii)(B) of title
20	12, Code of Federal Regulations, shall have no
21	force or effect.
22	(B) Extended sunset.—The special
23	rules in section 1026.43(e)(4) of title 12, Code
24	of Federal Regulations, shall apply to covered
25	transactions consummated prior to June 1.

1 2022, or such later date as the Director of the 2 Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection may 3 determine, by rule.

(10) Servicer safe harbor from investor liability.—

(A) Safe Harbor.—

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(i) In general.—A servicer of covered mortgage loans or multifamily mortgage loans shall be deemed not to have violated any duty or contractual obligation owed to investors or other parties regarding such mortgage loans on account of offering or implementing in good faith forbearance during the covered period or offering or implementing in good faith postforbearance loss mitigation (including after the expiration of the covered period) in accordance with the terms of sections 4022 and 4023 of the CARES Act to borrowers, respectively, on covered or multifamily mortgage loans that it services and shall not be liable to any party who is owed such a duty or obligation or subject to any injunction, stay, or other equitable relief to such party on account of such offer or implementation of forbearance or post-forbearance loss mitigation.

> (ii) Other Persons.—Any person, including a trustee of a securitization vehicle other party involved securitization or other investment vehicle, in good faith cooperates with a servicer of covered or multifamily mortgage loans held by that securitization or investment vehicle to comply with the terms of section 4022 and 4023 of the CARES Act, respectively, to borrowers on covered or multifamily mortgage loans owned by the securitization or other investment vehicle shall not be liable to any party who is owed such a duty or obligation or subject to any injunction, stay, or other equitable relief to such party on account of its cooperation with an offer or implementation of forbearance during the covered period or post-forbearance loss mitigation, including after the expiration of the covered period.

(B) STANDARD INDUSTRY PRACTICE.— During the covered period, notwithstanding any contractual restrictions, it is deemed to be

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1	standard industry practice for a servicer to
2	offer forbearance or loss mitigation options in
3	accordance with the terms of sections 4022 and
4	4023 of the CARES Act to borrowers, respec-
5	tively, on all covered or multifamily mortgage
6	loans it services.
7	(C) Rule of Construction.—Nothing in
8	this paragraph may be construed as affecting
9	the liability of a servicer or other person for ac-
10	tual fraud in the servicing of a mortgage loan
11	or for the violation of a State or Federal law.
12	(D) Definitions.—In this paragraph:
13	(i) COVERED MORTGAGE LOAN.—The
14	term "covered mortgage loan" has the
15	meaning given that term under section
16	4022(a) of the CARES Act.
17	(ii) COVERED PERIOD.—The term
18	"covered period" has the meaning given
19	that term under section 4023(g) of the
20	CARES Act.
21	(iii) Multifamily mortgage
22	LOAN.—The term "multifamily mortgage
23	loan" has the meaning given that term
24	under section 4023(g) of the CARES Act.

1	(iv) Servicer.—The term
2	"servicer"—
3	(I) has the meaning given the
4	term under section 6(i) of the Real
5	Estate Settlement Procedures Act of
6	1974 (12 U.S.C. 2605(i)); and
7	(II) means a master servicer and
8	a subservicer, as such terms are de-
9	fined, respectively, under section
10	1024.31 of title 12, Code of Federal
11	Regulations.
12	(v) SECURITIZATION VEHICLE.—The
13	term "securitization vehicle" has the
14	meaning given that term under section
15	129A(f) of the Truth in Lending Act (15
16	U.S.C. 1639a(f)).
17	(11) Amendments to national housing
18	ACT.—Section 306(g)(1) of the National Housing
19	Act (12 U.S.C. 1721(a)) is amended—
20	(A) in the fifth sentence, by inserting after
21	"issued" the following: ", subject to any pledge
22	or grant of security interest of the Federal Re-
23	serve under section 4003(a) of the CARES Act
24	(Public Law 116–136; 134 Stat. 470; 15
25	U.S.C. 9042(a)) and to any such mortgage or

1	mortgages or any interest therein and the pro-
2	ceeds thereon, which the Association may elect
3	to approve"; and
4	(B) in the sixth sentence—
5	(i) by striking "or (C)" and inserting
6	"(C)"; and
7	(ii) by inserting before the period the
8	following: ", or (D) its approval and hon-
9	oring of any pledge or grant of security in-
10	terest of the Federal Reserve under section
11	4003(a) of the CARES Act and to any
12	such mortgage or mortgages or any inter-
13	est therein and proceeds thereon as".
14	(12) Bankruptcy protections.—
15	(A) Bankruptcy protections for fed-
16	ERAL CORONAVIRUS RELIEF PAYMENTS.—Sec-
17	tion 541(b) of title 11, United States Code, is
18	amended—
19	(i) in paragraph (9), in the matter fol-
20	lowing subparagraph (B), by striking "or";
21	(ii) in paragraph (10)(C), by striking
22	the period at the end and inserting "; or";
23	and
24	(iii) by inserting after paragraph (10)
25	the following:

1	"(11) payments made under Federal law relat-
2	ing to the national emergency declared by the Presi-
3	dent under the National Emergencies Act (50
4	U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) with respect to the coronavirus
5	disease 2019 (COVID-19).".
6	(B) Protection against discrimina-
7	TORY TREATMENT OF HOMEOWNERS IN BANK-
8	RUPTCY.—Section 525 of title 11, United
9	States Code, is amended by adding at the end
10	the following:
11	"(d) A person may not be denied any forbearance,
12	assistance, or loan modification relief made available to
13	borrowers by a mortgage creditor or servicer because the
14	person is or has been a debtor, or has received a discharge,
15	in a case under this title.".
16	(C) Increasing the homestead exemp-
17	TION.—Section 522 of title 11, United States
18	Code, is amended—
19	(i) in subsection $(d)(1)$, by striking
20	"\$15,000" and inserting "\$100,000"; and
21	(ii) by adding at the end the fol-
22	lowing:
23	"(r) Notwithstanding any other provision of applica-
24	ble nonbankruptcy law, a debtor in any State may exempt
25	from property of the estate the property described in sub-

1	section (d)(1) not to exceed the value in subsection (d)(1)
2	if the exemption for such property permitted by applicable
3	nonbankruptcy law is lower than that amount.".
4	(D) Effect of missed mortgage pay-
5	MENTS ON DISCHARGE.—Section 1328 of title
6	11, United States Code, is amended by adding
7	at the end the following:
8	"(i) A debtor shall not be denied a discharge under
9	this section because, as of the date of discharge, the debtor
10	did not make 6 or fewer payments directly to the holder
11	of a debt secured by real property.
12	"(j) Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b), upon
13	the debtor's request, the court shall grant a discharge of
14	all debts provided for in the plan that are dischargeable
15	under subsection (a) if the debtor—
16	"(1) has made payments under a confirmed
17	plan for at least 1 year; and
18	"(2) who is experiencing or has experienced a
19	material financial hardship due, directly or indi-
20	rectly, to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)
21	pandemic.".
22	(E) EXPANDED ELIGIBILITY FOR CHAPTER
23	13.—Section 109(e) of title 11, United States
24	Code, is amended—

1	(i) by striking "\$250,000" each place
2	the term appears and inserting
3	"\$850,000"; and
4	(ii) by striking "\$750,000" each place
5	the term appears and inserting
6	"\$2,600,000".
7	(F) EXTENDED CURE PERIOD FOR HOME-
8	OWNERS HARMED BY COVID-19 PANDEMIC.—
9	(i) In general.—Chapter 13 of title
10	11, United States Code, is amended by
11	adding at the end thereof the following:
12	" \S 1331. Special provisions related to COVID-19 pan-
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14	"(a) Notwithstanding subsections (b)(2) and (d) of
15	section 1322, if the debtor is experiencing or has experi-
16	enced a material financial hardship due, directly or indi-
17	rectly, to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pan-
18	demic, a plan may provide for the curing of any default
19	within a reasonable time, not to exceed 7 years after the
20	time that the first payment under the original confirmed
21	plan was due, and maintenance of payments while the case
22	is pending on any unsecured claim or secured claim on
23	which the last payment is due after the expiration of such
24	time. Any such plan provision shall not affect the applica-
25	ble commitment period under section 1325(b).

- 1 "(b) For purposes of sections 1328(a) and 1328(b),
- 2 any cure or maintenance payments under subsection (a)
- 3 that are made after the end of the period during which
- 4 the plan provides for payments (other than payments
- 5 under subsection (a)) shall not be treated as payments
- 6 under the plan.
- 7 "(c) Notwithstanding section 1329(c), a plan modi-
- 8 fied under section 1329 at the debtor's request may pro-
- 9 vide for cure or maintenance payments under subsection
- 10 (a) over a period that is not longer than 7 years after
- 11 the time that the first payment under the original con-
- 12 firmed plan was due.
- 13 "(d) Notwithstanding section 362(c)(2), during the
- 14 period after the debtor receives a discharge and the period
- 15 during which the plan provides for the cure of any default
- 16 and maintenance of payments under the plan, section
- 17 362(a) shall apply to the holder of a claim for which a
- 18 default is cured and payments are maintained under sub-
- 19 section (a) and to any property securing such claim.
- 20 "(e) Notwithstanding section 1301(a)(2), the stay of
- 21 section 1301(a) terminates upon the granting of a dis-
- 22 charge under section 1328 with respect to all creditors
- 23 other than the holder of a claim for which a default is
- 24 cured and payments are maintained under subsection
- 25 (a).".

1	(ii) Table of contents.—The table
2	of sections of chapter 13, title 11, United
3	States Code, is amended by adding at the
4	end thereof the following:
	"Sec. 1331. Special provisions related to COVID-19 pandemic.".
5	(iii) Application.—The amendments
6	made by this paragraph shall apply only to
7	any case under title 11, United States
8	Code, commenced before 3 years after the
9	date of enactment of this Act and pending
10	on or commenced after such date of enact-
11	ment, in which a plan under chapter 13 of
12	title 11, United States Code, was not con-
13	firmed before March 27, 2020.
14	(13) Liquidity for mortgage servicers
15	AND RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS.—
16	(A) In General.—Section 4003 of the
17	CARES Act (15 U.S.C. 9042), is amended by
18	adding at the end the following:
19	"(i) Liquidity for Mortgage Servicers.—
20	"(1) In general.—Subject to paragraph (2),
21	the Secretary shall ensure that servicers of covered
22	mortgage loans (as defined under section 4022) and
23	multifamily mortgage loans (as defined under sec-
24	tion 4023) are provided the opportunity to partici-
25	pate in the loans, loan guarantees, or other invest-

- ments made by the Secretary under this section. The Secretary shall ensure that servicers are provided with access to such opportunities under equitable terms and conditions regardless of their size.
 - "(2) Mortgage servicer eligibility.—In order to receive assistance under subsection (b)(4), a mortgage servicer shall—
 - "(A) demonstrate that the mortgage servicer has established policies and procedures to use such funds only to replace funds used for borrower assistance, including to advance funds as a result of forbearance or other loss mitigation provided to borrowers;
 - "(B) demonstrate that the mortgage servicer has established policies and procedures to provide forbearance, post-forbearance loss mitigation, and other assistance to borrowers in compliance with the terms of section 4022 or 4023, as applicable;
 - "(C) demonstrate that the mortgage servicer has established policies and procedures to ensure that forbearance and post-forbearance assistance is available to all borrowers in a nondiscriminatory fashion and in compliance with the Fair Housing Act, the Equal Credit Oppor-

1	tunity Act, and other applicable fair housing
2	and fair lending laws; and
3	"(D) comply with the limitations on com-
4	pensation set forth in section 4004.
5	"(3) Mortgage servicer requirements.—A
6	mortgage servicer receiving assistance under sub-
7	section (b)(4) may not, while the servicer is under
8	any obligation to repay funds provided or guaran-
9	teed under this section—
10	"(A) pay dividends with respect to the
11	common stock of the mortgage servicer or pur-
12	chase an equity security of the mortgage
13	servicer or any parent company of the mortgage
14	servicer if the security is listed on a national se-
15	curities exchange, except to the extent required
16	under a contractual obligation that is in effect
17	on the date of enactment of this subsection; or
18	"(B) prepay any debt obligation.".
19	(B) Credit facility for residential
20	RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS.—
21	(i) In General.—The Board of Gov-
22	ernors of the Federal Reserve System
23	shall—
24	(I) establish a facility, using
25	amounts made available under section

1	4003(b)(4) of the CARES Act (15)
2	U.S.C. $9042(b)(4)$, to make long-
3	term, low-cost loans to residential
4	rental property owners as to tempo-
5	rarily compensate such owners for
6	documented financial losses caused by
7	reductions in rent payments; and
8	(II) defer such owners' required
9	payments on such loans until after six
10	months after the date of enactment of
11	this Act.
12	(ii) REQUIREMENTS.—A borrower
13	that receives a loan under this subsection
14	may not, for the duration of the loan—
15	(I) evict or initiate the eviction of
16	a tenant solely for nonpayment of rent
17	or other fees or charges;
18	(II) charge any late fees, pen-
19	alties, or other charges to a tenant for
20	late payment of rent; and
21	(III) with respect to a person or
22	entity described under clause (iv), dis-
23	criminate on the basis of source of in-
24	come.

1	(iii) Report on residential rent-
2	AL PROPERTY OWNERS.—The Board of
3	Governors shall issue a report to the Con-
4	gress containing the following, with respect
5	to each property owner receiving a loan
6	under this subsection:
7	(I) The number of borrowers that
8	received assistance under this sub-
9	section.
10	(II) The average total loan
11	amount that each borrower received.
12	(III) The total number of rental
13	units that each borrower owned.
14	(IV) The average rent charged by
15	each borrower.
16	(iv) Report on large residential
17	RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS.—The Board
18	of Governors shall issue a report to Con-
19	gress that identifies any person or entity
20	that in aggregate owns or holds a control-
21	ling interest in any entity that, in aggre-
22	gate, owns—
23	(I) more than 100 rental units
24	that are located within a single Metro-
25	politan Statistical Area;

1	(II) more than 1,000 rental units
2	nationwide; or
3	(III) rental units in three or
4	more States.
5	(C) Mortgage performance data.—
6	Section 4003(c) of the CARES Act (Public Law
7	116–136) is amended by adding at the end the
8	following:
9	"(4) Mortgage Performance Data.—
10	"(A) Monthly Report.—
11	"(i) In general.—A servicer of a
12	residential mortgage loan receiving a loan,
13	loan guarantee, or any other investment
14	under this section shall, beginning in the
15	first month in which the loan, loan guar-
16	antee, or investment was received, collect
17	and provide loan-level data to the Bureau
18	of Consumer Financial Protection on a
19	monthly basis with respect all residential
20	mortgage loans serviced by the servicer.
21	"(ii) Contents.—Each monthly re-
22	port required under this subparagraph
23	shall contain identifying information and
24	loan performance data for the most recent
25	month as well as cumulative data since the

1	servicer began reporting under this para-
2	graph.
3	"(iii) Time period for reports.—
4	Reports under this paragraph shall be pro-
5	vided by a servicer every month in which
6	a loan, loan guarantee, or any other invest-
7	ment under this section has been received
8	and for 2 years following such receipt.
9	"(B) IDENTIFYING INFORMATION.—Each
10	monthly report required under subparagraph
11	(A) shall include the following loan-level identi-
12	fying information:
13	"(i) Demographic data, for each bor-
14	rower, including race, ethnicity, sex, and
15	age.
16	"(ii) The location of the property, in-
17	cluding by State, Metropolitan Statistical
18	Area, postal code, census tract, and Metro-
19	politan District, if applicable.
20	"(iii) Loan origination information,
21	including original unpaid principal balance,
22	original interest rate, first payment date,
23	original loan term, and lien status (first or
24	subordinate).

1	"(iv) Loan type and type of loan pur-
2	chaser, as described under section 304 of
3	the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act of
4	1975 (12 U.S.C. 2803) and the rules
5	issued to carry out such section.
6	"(C) Loan Performance Data.—Each
7	monthly report required under subparagraph
8	(A) shall include the following loan-level loan
9	performance data:
10	"(i) Current loan information, includ-
11	ing current actual unpaid principal bal-
12	ance, current interest rate, current loan
13	delinquency status (based on the number
14	of days the borrower is delinquent in pay-
15	ments based on the due date of the last
16	paid loan payment), loan performance sta-
17	tus (including current, forbearance, repay-
18	ment plan, referred to foreclosure, trial
19	modification, permanent modification, or
20	foreclosed), and the date of the event lead-
21	ing to such status.
22	"(ii) Loss mitigation information, in-
23	cluding—
24	"(I) whether the loan is currently
25	being evaluated for loss mitigation,

1	and if so the date upon which the cur-
2	rent loss mitigation process was initi-
3	ated and the date of complete applica-
4	tion, if any
5	"(II) the disposition of any pre-
6	vious loss mitigation evaluation re-
7	ported pursuant to subclause (I) and
8	the date of disposition, including—
9	"(aa) denied;
10	"(bb) temporary or short-
11	term agreement, such as a repay-
12	ment agreement or forbearance
13	and the length of such agreement
14	(in months);
15	"(ce) trial loan modification
16	"(dd) permanent loan modi-
17	fication; or
18	"(ee) other type of loss miti-
19	gation; and
20	"(III) for each permanent modi-
21	fication—
22	"(aa) whether the perma-
23	nent modification included one or
24	more of—

1	"(AA) additions of de-
2	linquent payments and fees
3	to loan balances;
4	"(BB) interest rate re-
5	ductions and freezes;
6	"(CC) term extensions;
7	"(DD) reductions of
8	principal; or
9	"(EE) deferrals of prin-
10	cipal; and
11	"(bb) whether the total
12	monthly principal and interest
13	payment, as a result of the per-
14	manent modification—
15	"(AA) increased;
16	"(BB) remained the
17	same;
18	"(CC) decreased less
19	than 10 percent;
20	"(DD) decreased be-
21	tween 10 and 20 percent; or
22	"(EE) decreased 20
23	percent or more.
24	"(D) FORBEARANCE DATA.—Each monthly
25	report required under subparagraph (A) shall

1	include, with respect to each loan for which a
2	forbearance has been reported under subpara-
3	graph (C)(i), forbearance-specific data, includ-
4	ing—
5	"(i) the total months of total forbear-
6	ance granted to date; and
7	"(ii) the number of renewals of for-
8	bearance to date.
9	"(E) Public availability of aggre-
10	GATE DATA.—
11	"(i) In general.—Using data sub-
12	mitted by servicers under this paragraph,
13	the Director of the Bureau of Consumer
14	Financial Protection shall make available
15	aggregate data by servicer for each State,
16	Metropolitan Statistical Area, and Metro-
17	politan Division, as defined by the Office
18	of Management and Budget. Such aggre-
19	gate data shall be provided monthly by the
20	Director to Congress and posted on the
21	Bureau of Consumer Financial Protec-
22	tion's website.
23	"(ii) Exception for certain per-
24	SONALLY IDENTIFIABLE DATA.—If aggre-
25	gate data described under clause (i) is

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nonetheless reasonably personally identifiable, the Director may report the aggregate data by servicer on the next larger geographic unit (such that, for example, data would not be reported by Municipal Division but only by Metropolitan Statistical Area and State).

"(F) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Director of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection shall, within 60 days of the date of enactment of this paragraph, and in consultation with the Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency and the Comptroller of the Currency, prescribe the format and method of submission of the data required under this paragraph. The Director of the Bureau may prescribe rules for the collection of the data in order to ensure accuracy, transparency, and complete data collection, including the collection and reporting of additional data elements, but may not require reporting of fewer data elements than prescribed by this paragraph nor less frequent reporting than required by this paragraph.

"(G) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph:

1	"(i) COVID-19 EMERGENCY.—The
2	term 'COVID-19 emergency' means the
3	national emergency concerning the novel
4	coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak
5	declared by the President on March 13,
6	2020, under the National Emergencies Act
7	(50 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.).
8	"(ii) Residential mortgage
9	LOAN.—The term 'residential mortgage
10	loan' has the meaning given that term
11	under section 103(dd) of the Truth in
12	Lending Act (15 U.S.C. 1602(dd)).
13	"(iii) Servicer.—The term 'servicer'
14	has the meaning given in section 6(i) of
15	the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act
16	of 1974 (12 U.S.C. 2605(i)).".

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