

## Emergency Disaster Supplemental

H.R. 5687 - Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief and Puerto Rico Disaster Tax Relief Act

### WHAT'S IN THE BILL?

#### ***\$4.67 Billion in New Emergency Funding for Puerto Rico Earthquakes and Other Disasters:***

- ***\$2 billion*** for the Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) account to support long-term recovery from disasters in 2020
- ***\$1.3 billion*** for 2018 and 2019 CDBG-DR grantees to mitigate damage from future disasters
- ***\$1.25 billion*** to repair disaster-damaged highways and roads in states and territories
- ***\$100 million*** to support restarting the operation of schools affected by earthquakes in 2019 and 2020
- ***\$40 million*** for the Puerto Rico Nutrition Assistance Program (NAP) to provide temporary food assistance
- ***\$21.75 million*** to provide technical assistance related to the electric grid in U.S. territories

#### ***\$16 Billion\*\* in Tax Breaks for Puerto Rico Residents***

### IS IT NEEDED NOW?

#### ***✗ No, this bill is premature.***

- The federal government has not completed the required studies and reporting on the extent of the damage after the recent earthquakes in Puerto Rico, and the bill provides much greater funding than initial estimates suggest will be needed.

#### ***✗ No, Puerto Rico has been slow to spend funds already appropriated.***

- Over the last three years, more than \$40 billion has been allocated for Puerto Rico disasters and less than half of that has been spent.

#### ***✗ No, funds are already available for Puerto Rico to immediately address the earthquakes.***

- The FEMA Major Disaster Relief Fund has more than \$40 billion available.
- These funds are available to be tapped now that the President has declared a disaster in Puerto Rico.

#### ***✗ No, most of the tax provisions don't even address recent earthquakes in Puerto Rico.***

- The attached authorizing bill would expand Puerto Rico's Earned Income and Child Tax Credits, increase Puerto Rico's Low-Income Housing and New Market Tax Credits, and increase Puerto Rico's share of the excise tax collected on rum brought to U.S. states.

\*\*According to the Joint Committee on Taxation's *Estimated Revenue Effects of the "Puerto Rico Disaster Tax Relief Act of 2020"*