IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. THOMPSON of California (for himself and Mr. McGovern) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on

A BILL

To authorize the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to approve State, local, and Indian tribal government plans to partner with small and mid-size restaurants and nonprofit organizations to provide nutritious meals to individuals in need, to waive certain matching fund requirements, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “FEMA Empowering Essential Deliveries Act” or the “FEED Act”.

SEC. 2. STATE AND LOCAL PLANS FOR MEAL DELIVERY.

(a) In General.—During the period following the emergency declaration issued by the President on March 13, 2020, pursuant to section 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5191(b)), and under any subsequent major disaster declaration under section 401 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 5170) that supersedes such emergency declaration, the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency may approve plans from State, local, and Indian tribal governments that meet the requirements of subsection (b).

(b) Requirements.—To be eligible to provide food services set forth in this subsection, a State, local, or Indian tribal government shall establish a network to coordinate food distribution and delivery that includes a detailed plan to—

(1) establish contracts with small and mid-sized restaurants and non-profits, including faith-based organizations and soup kitchens to prepare healthy meals for people in need; and

(2) partner with non-profit organizations, including faith-based organizations and soup kitchens
to purchase directly from food producers and farmers.

(c) Waiver of Matching Requirements.—During the period referred to in subsection (a), the Administrator shall waive the matching requirements of section 403(b) and 503(a) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170b(b) and 42 U.S.C. 5193(a), respectively).