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117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To authorize public housing agencies to share certain data regarding homeless individuals and families for the provision of housing and services, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

A BILL

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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”.

1 **SEC. 2. LIMITED AUTHORITY TO SHARE INFORMATION RE-**
2 **GARDING HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS AND FAM-**
3 **ILIES WITH APPROPRIATE ENTITY WITHIN**
4 **CONTINUUM OF CARE.**

5 Section 2 of the United States Housing Act of 1937
6 (42 U.S.C. 1437) is amended by adding at the end the
7 following new subsection:

8 “(c) LIMITED AUTHORITY TO SHARE INFORMATION
9 REGARDING HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES
10 WITH APPROPRIATE ENTITY WITHIN CONTINUUM OF
11 CARE.—Notwithstanding section 904 of the Stewart B.
12 McKinney Homeless Assistance Amendments Act of 1988
13 (42 U.S.C. 3544), a public housing agency may disclose,
14 to the collaborative applicant of the local Continuum of
15 Care or designee of the collaborative applicant within
16 which the jurisdiction of the public housing agency is lo-
17 cated, information regarding individuals and families who
18 are homeless (as such term is used in section 103 of the
19 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
20 11302)) or at risk of homelessness (as such term is used
21 in section 401 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 11360)), but only—

22 “(1) for the purpose of facilitating the identi-
23 fication, assessment, and linkage of housing and
24 supportive services for such individuals and families
25 to ensure continuity of care, to the extent allowable
26 under State Law;

1 “(2) if the public housing agency takes appro-
2 priate measures to ensure that the privacy of the in-
3 dividuals and families is protected and that the in-
4 formation, including any personally identifiable in-
5 formation, is used only for the purpose described in
6 paragraph (1); and

7 “(3) if the public housing agency takes appro-
8 priate measures to ensure clients’ information and
9 confidentiality is protected pursuant to section
10 41411(c)(4) of the Violence Against Women Act of
11 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12491(c)(4)), and any regulations
12 promulgated pursuant to such section.”.