

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 4302
OFFERED BY MR. SHERMAN OF CALIFORNIA**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Homeless Assistance
3 Act of 2019”.

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

8 Section 2 of the United States Housing Act of 1937
9 (42 U.S.C. 1437) is amended by adding at the end the
10 following new subsection:

11 “(c) LIMITED AUTHORITY TO SHARE INFORMATION
12 REGARDING HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES
13 WITH APPROPRIATE ENTITY WITHIN CONTINUUM OF
14 CARE.—Notwithstanding section 904 of the Stewart B.
15 McKinney Homeless Assistance Amendments Act of 1988
16 (42 U.S.C. 3544), a public housing agency may disclose,
17 to the entity designated by the collaborative applicant
18 within which the jurisdiction of the public housing agency

1 is located and any relevant State and local government
2 agencies or tribal government, information regarding indi-
3 viduals and families who are homeless (as such term is
4 used in section 103 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless As-
5 sistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11302)) or at risk of homelessness
6 (as such term is used in section 401 of such Act (42
7 U.S.C. 11360)), but only—

8 “(1) for the purpose of facilitating the identi-
9 fication, assessment, and linkage of housing and
10 supportive services for such individuals and families
11 to ensure continuity of care, to the extent allowable
12 under State Law;

13 “(2) if the public housing agency takes appro-
14 priate measures to ensure that the privacy of the in-
15 dividuals and families is protected and that the in-
16 formation is used only for the purpose described in
17 paragraph (1); and

18 “(3) if the public housing agency takes appro-
19 priate measures to ensure clients’ information and
20 confidentiality is protected pursuant to section
21 41411(c)(4) of the Violence Against Women Act of
22 1994 (34 U.S.C. 12491(c)(4)), and any regulations
23 promulgated pursuant to such section.

